

STARBLAZER

A dynamic comic book illustration of a space battle. In the center, a man in a green and orange spacesuit with a blue helmet is running towards the viewer. To his left, a large, green, mechanical robotic arm is reaching out, firing a bright blue and yellow energy blast. The background is a complex, colorful scene of a futuristic city or space station with red and green architectural elements.

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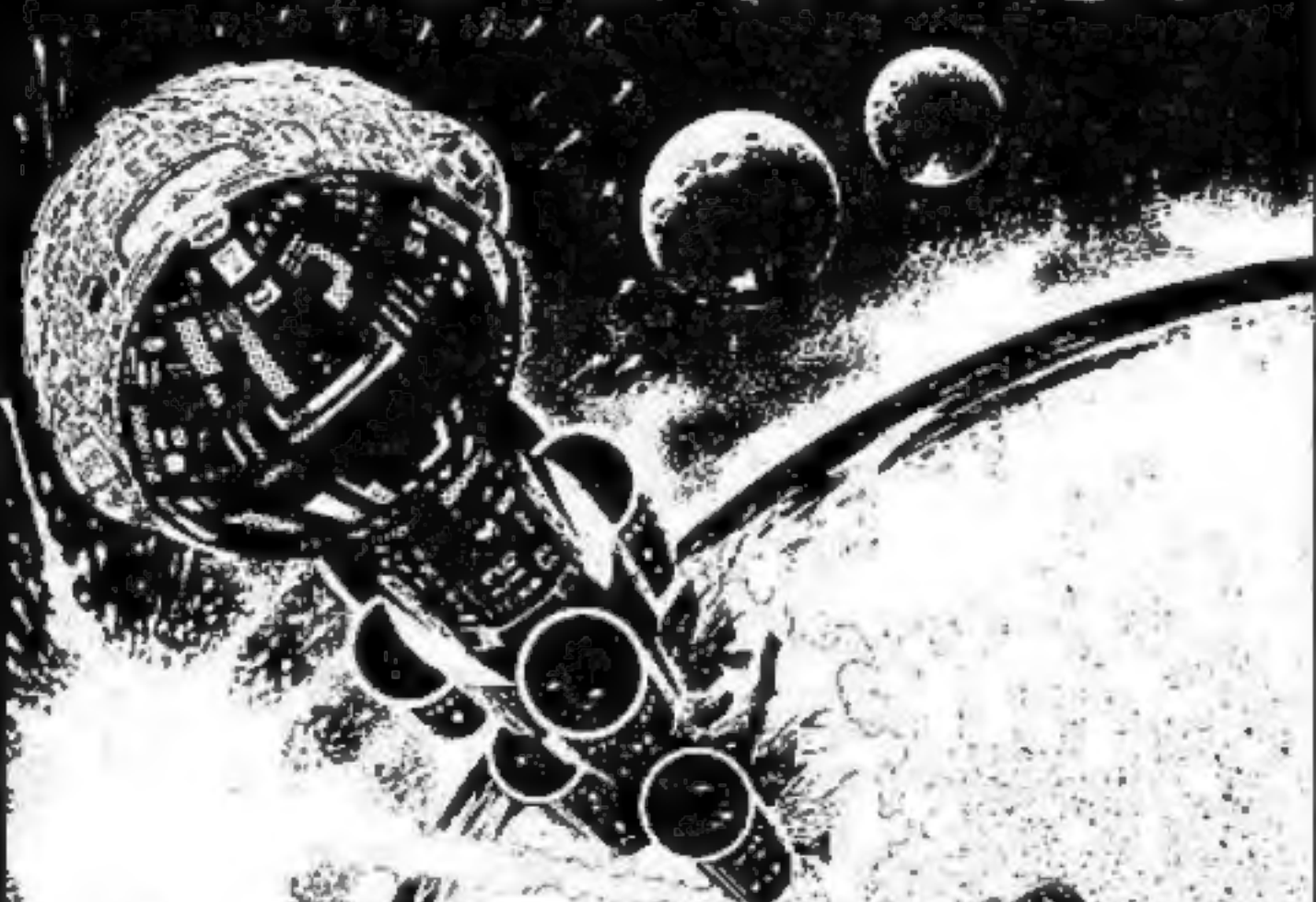
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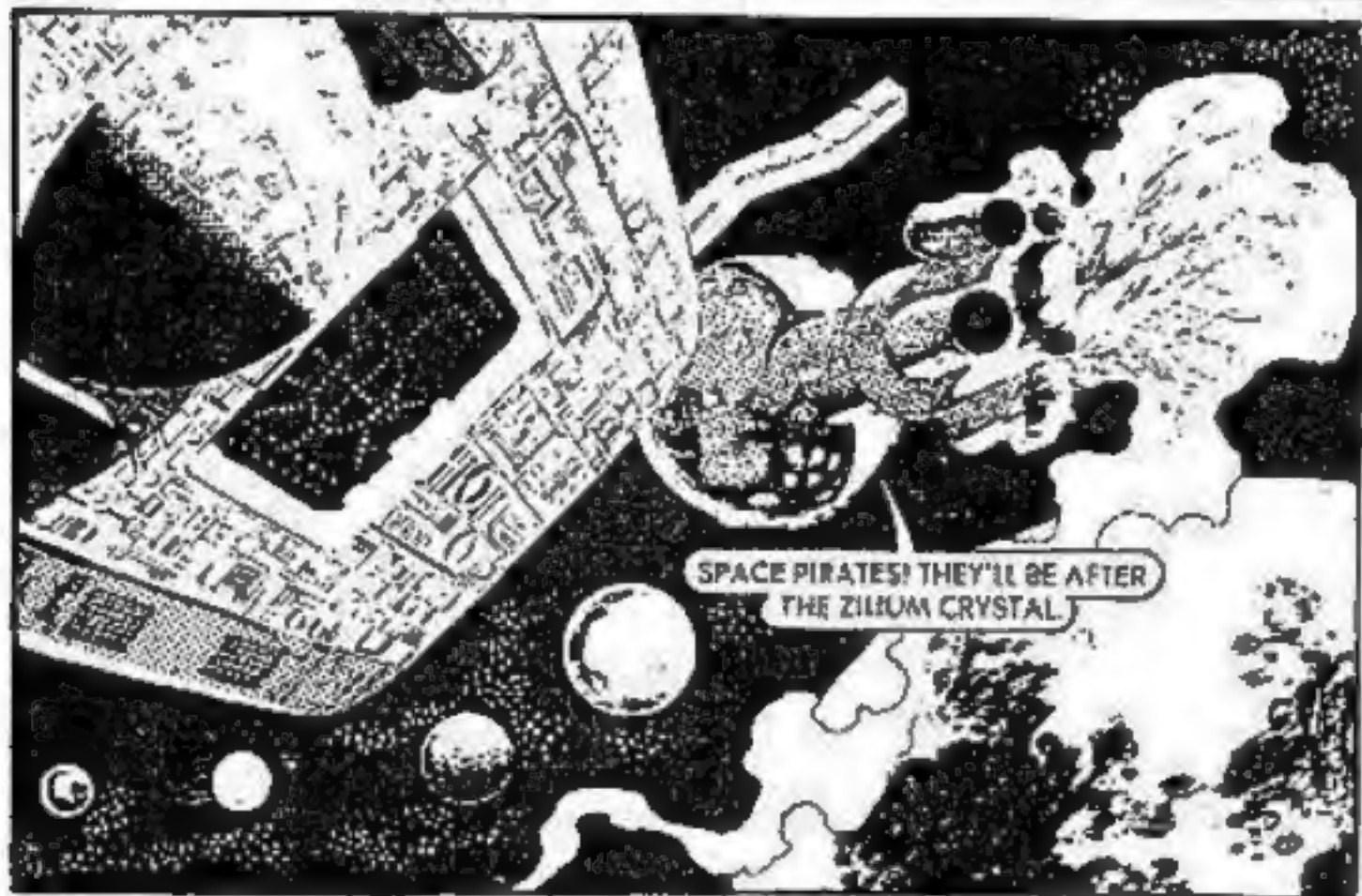
SPACE
WAS A VAST HAVEN
FOR THE DREGS OF EVERY
WORLD. SMUGGLERS, HI-JACKERS
AND PIRATES ROAMED THE DEPTHS
PLUNDERING CARGO VESSELS. THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOUGHT A
CONSTANT BATTLE TO CLEAR SPACE OF
THESE PARASITIC CRIMINALS—AND OFTEN
IT WAS A LOSING BATTLE. RIK TOR, A
YOUNG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,
HAD THE TASK OF TRACKING
CRIMINALS ALL OVER KNOWN
SPACE AND HIS TASK
ALWAYS ENDED
IN A

GALACTIC SHOOTOUT



RIK WAS ABOARD A DEEP SPACE FREIGHTER, ON HIS WAY TO ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT, WHEN A PIRATE SHIP ATTACKED IT. EVEN HE COULDN'T PREVENT IT.





A TRANSPORTER TUBE SNAKED OUT
FROM THE PIRATE SHIP.



WE'RE ABOUT TO BE BOARDED.



WE'D BETTER GET DOWN TO THE
AIRLOCK AND HOLD THEM OFF.

THE DOOR'S GOING TO
GIVE ANY MOMENT.



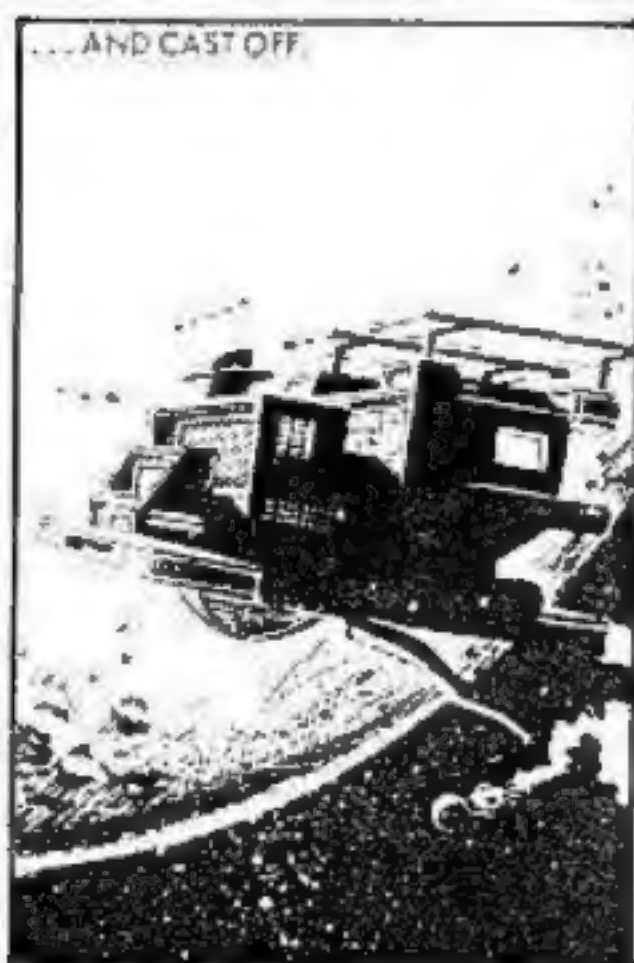
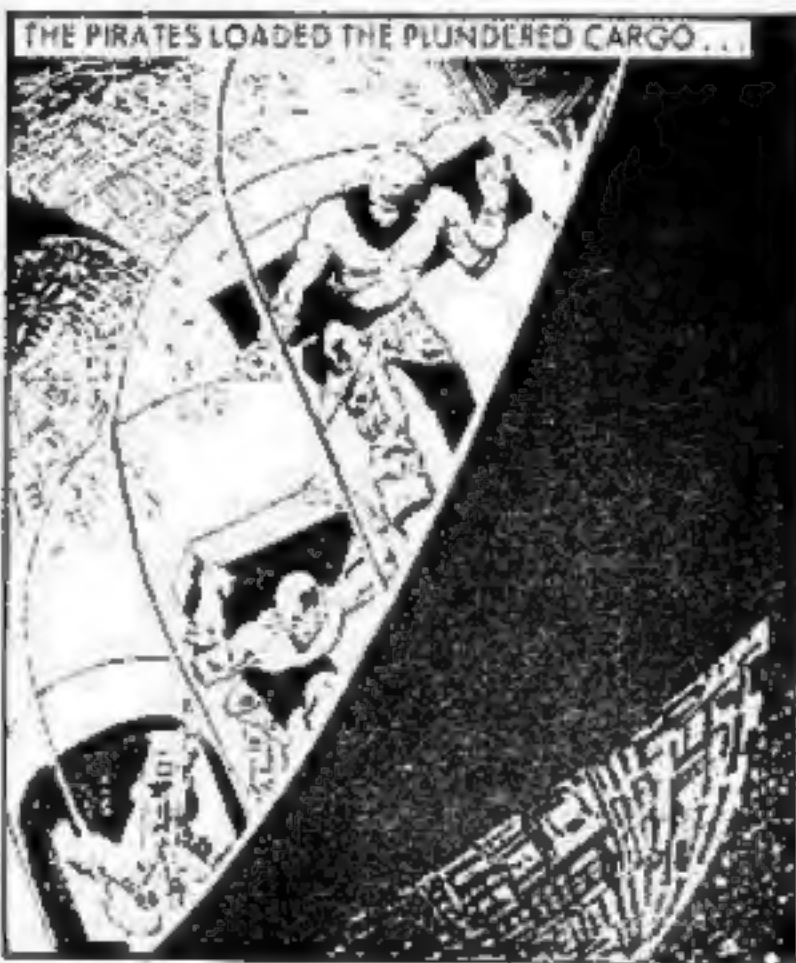
THE DOOR COLLAPSED AND A HORDE OF PIRATES SWEEP IN

SURRENDER OR DIE!

BUT RIK COULDN'T DO A THING TO HOLD THEM OFF.







THE FREIGHTER DRIFTED AIMLESSLY—
WITH A TRAPPED CREW.



HOW DO WE GET OUT OF HERE?



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RIK
TOR WASN'T CONTENT TO SIT
ABOUT.



THERE'S NOT MUCH HERE EXCEPT
THESE BOXES OF EXPANDAFOAM.



INSTANTLY THE FOAM EXPANDED



TOLD YOU TO BREATHE AND
HOPE THIS WORKS

THE INTENSE PRESSURE PLASTED
THE AIRTIGHT DOOR AND THE
CREW TUMBLED OUT *



RIK SEARCHED THE REMAINING HOLOS

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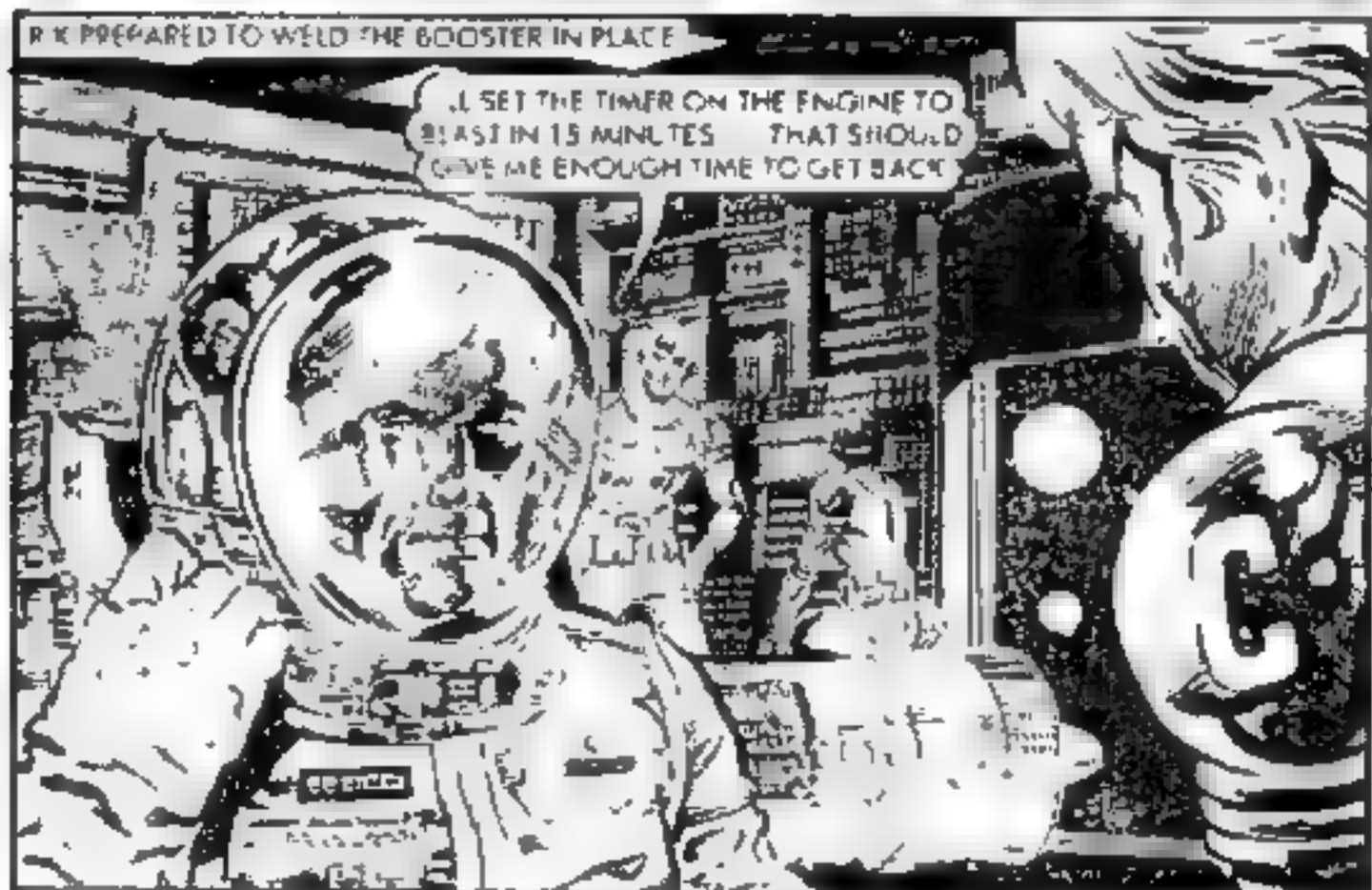
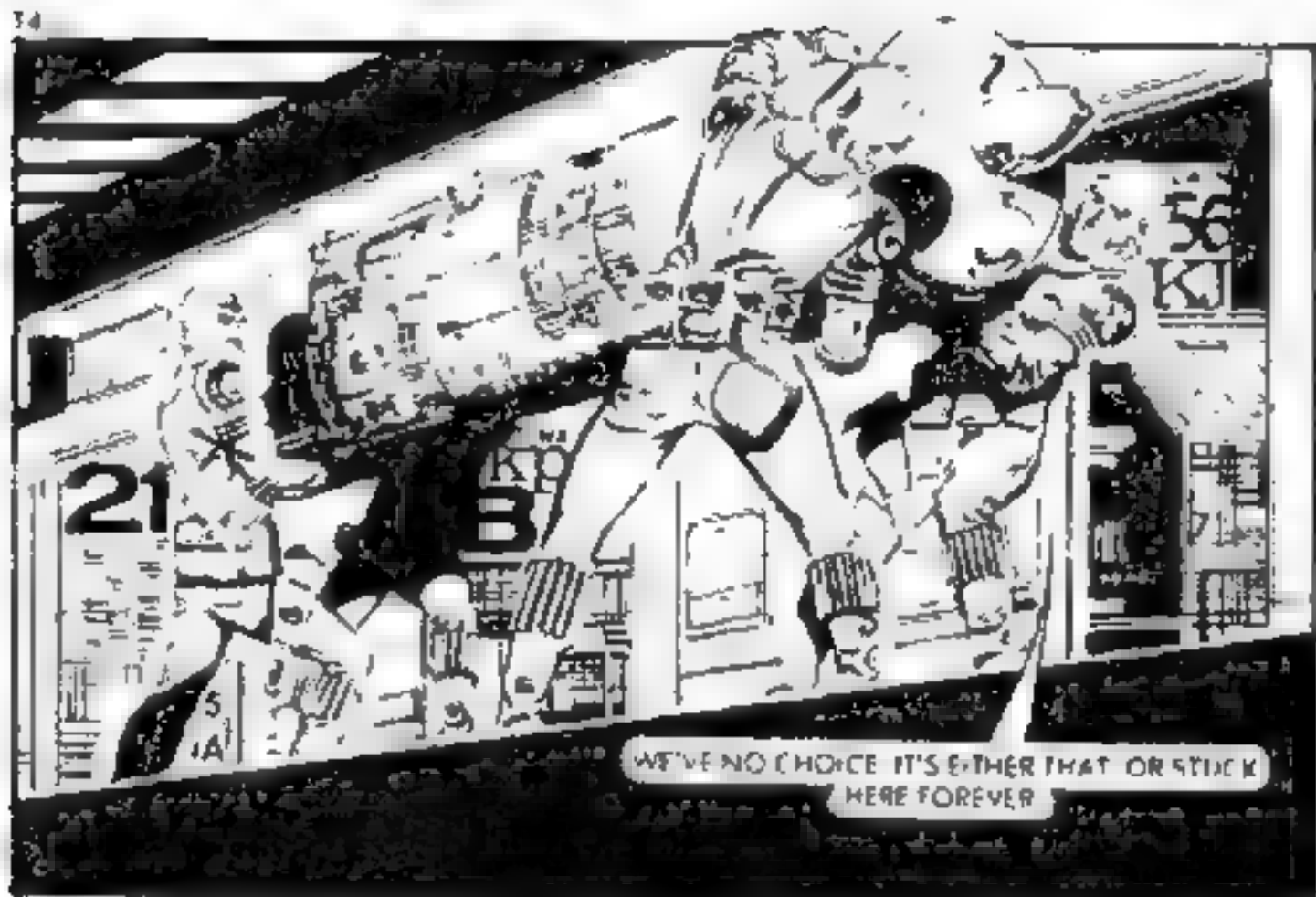
BOOSTER ENGINES OBSOLETE BUT JUST WHAT WE NEED

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IF WE CAN ATTACH THESE TO THE BACK OF THE SHIP IT SHOULD GET US MOVING

THEY'RE GOING BACK TO EARTH FOR SERVICING... THEY'RE UNSTABLE



OUTSIDE IN THE BLACKNESS OF SPACE RIK STRUGGLED TO FIT THE BOOSTER

THAT SHOULD HOLD I'D BETTER GET
BACK INSIDE BEFORE IT BLASTS

P.K. RETURNED

IT SHOULD BLAST ANY MOMENT THOSE
PIRATES DID A THOROUGH JOB OF
WRECKING THE COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT

I'VE AIMED US AT SPACE STATION
OMEGA I HOPE THEY CAN STOP US

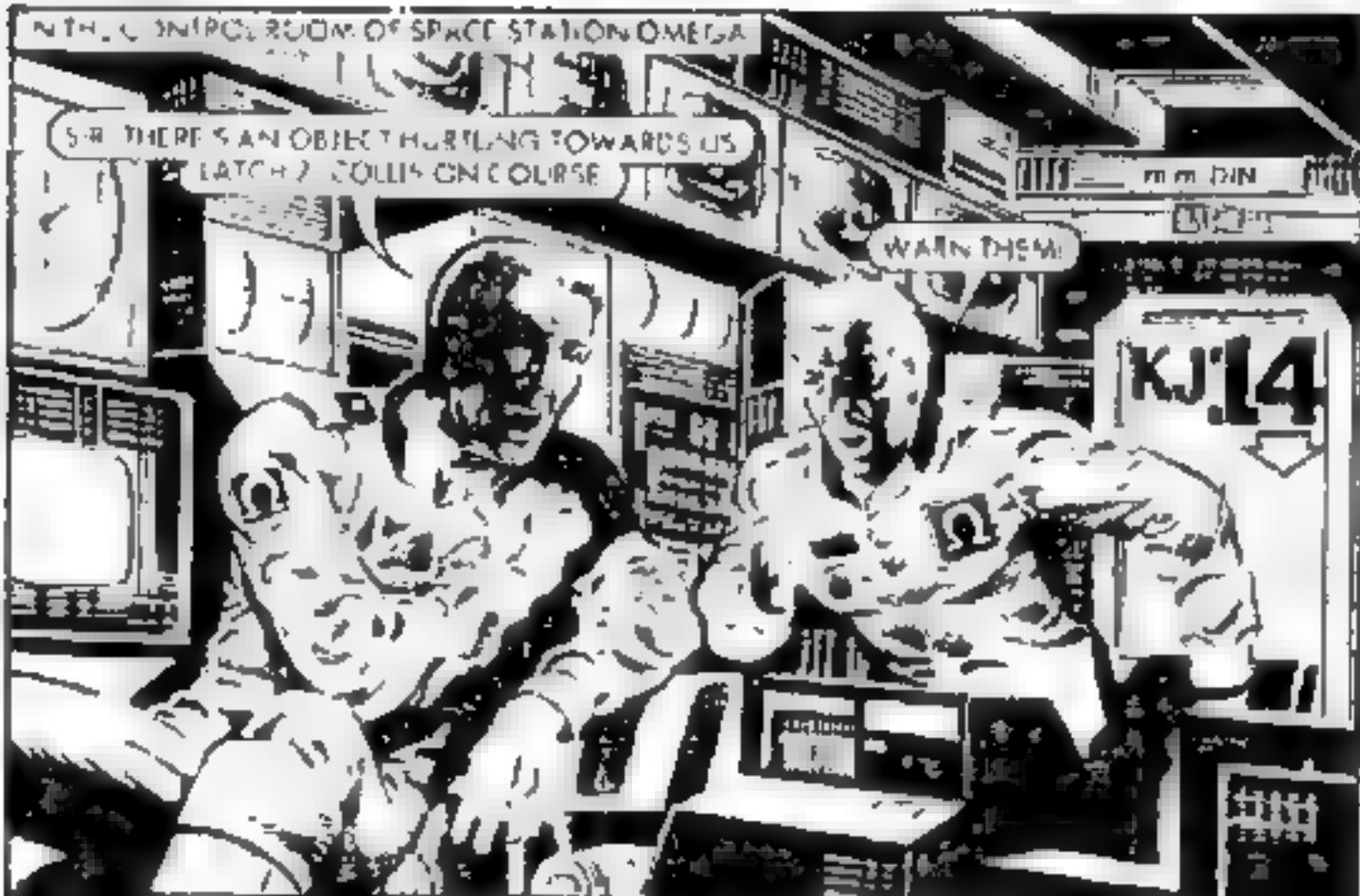
THE BOOSTER FARED AND THE FREIGHTER BASED TOWARDS OMEGA

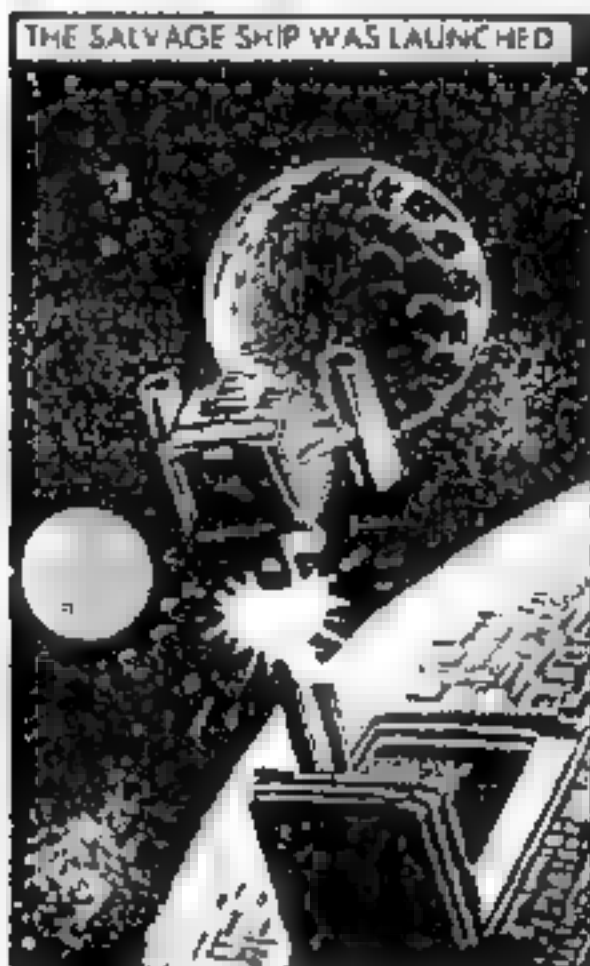


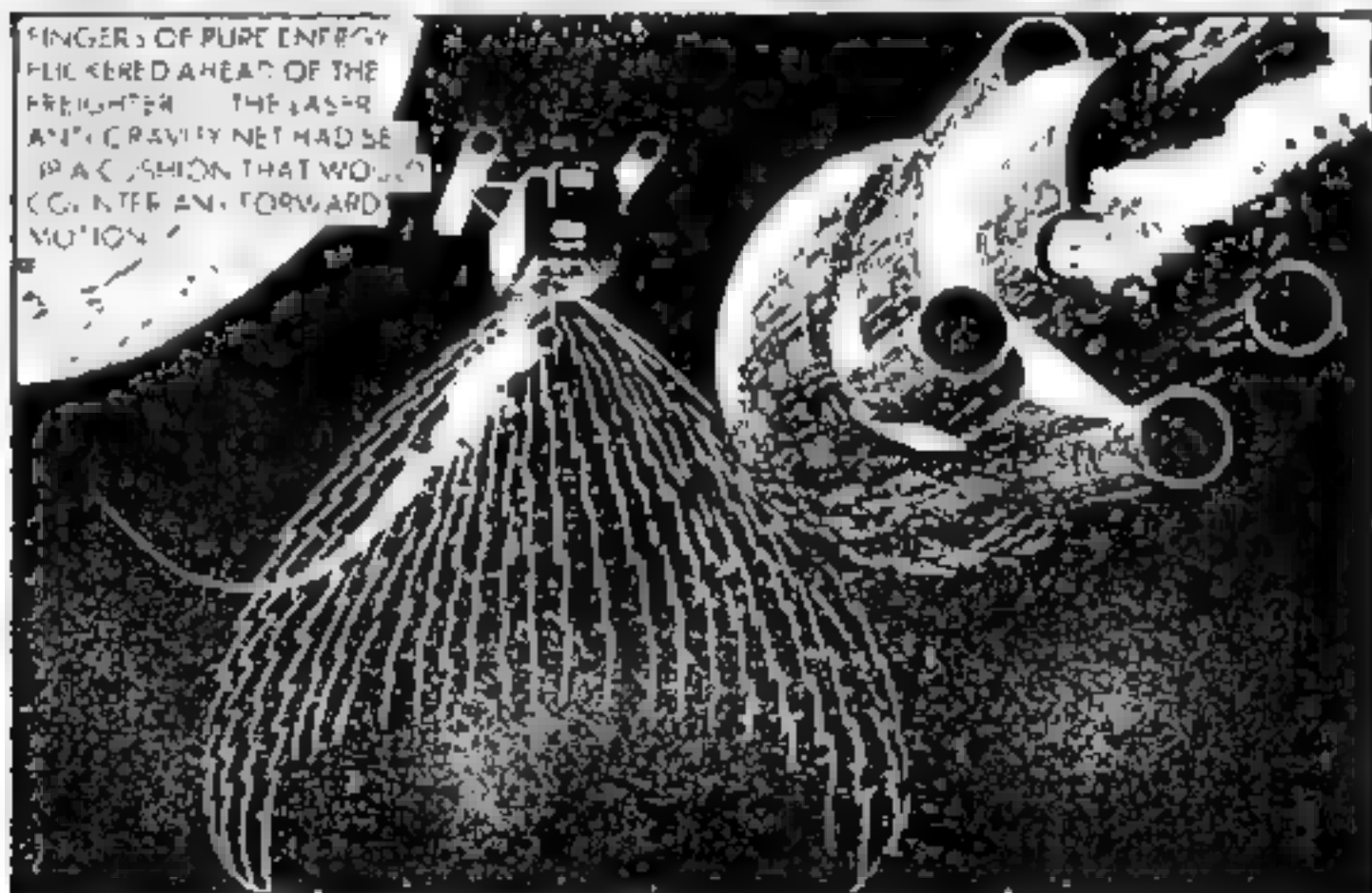
IN THE CONTROL ROOM OF SPACE STATION OMEGA

SIR THERE'S AN OBJECT HURTLING TOWARDS US
LATCH 2 COLLISION COURSE

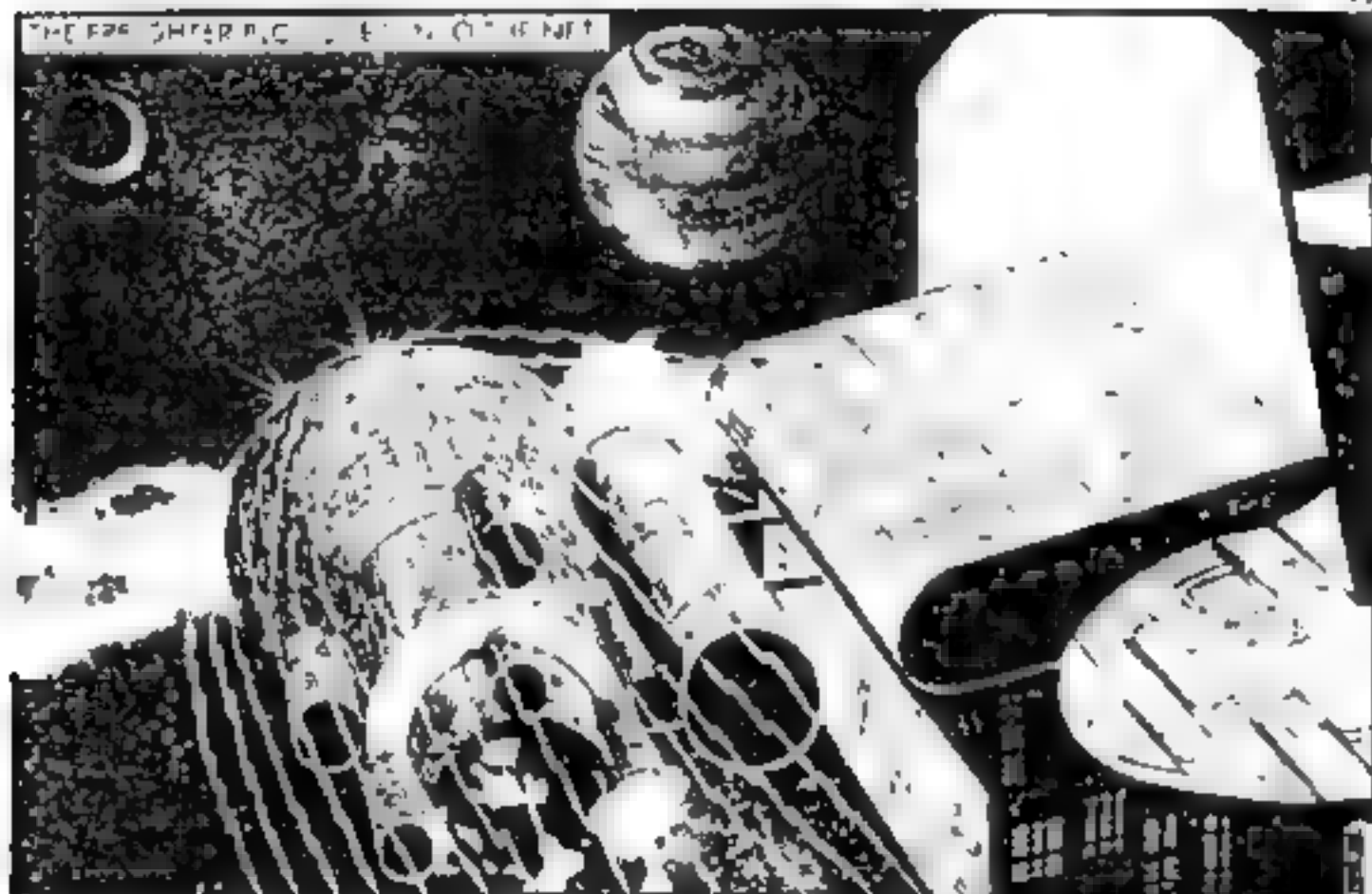
WARN THEM!



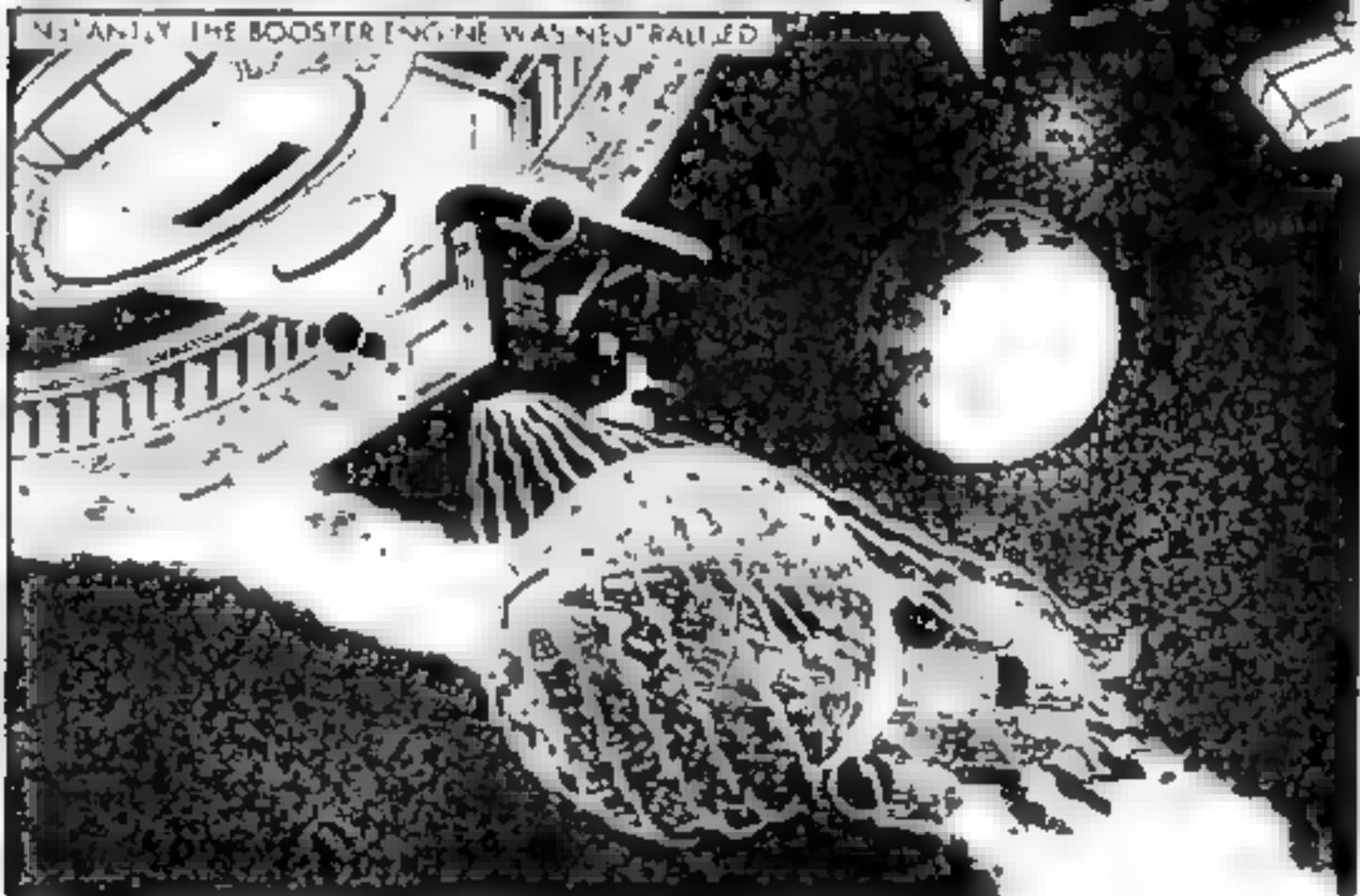




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NOT ONLY THE BOOSTER ENGINE WAS NEUTRALIZED



RIK AND THE OTHERS WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE SPACE STATION. RIK IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED EARTH.

PART OF THE CARGO WAS THE ZETIM CRYSTAL. SIR

THAT CRYSTAL MEANS LIFE OR DEATH TO THE COLONY OF TEEMA. WITHOUT IT THE COLONY WILL DIE. AND IT GIVES THOSE PIRATES POWER TO OPERATE A BATTLEFLEET.

LINK UP WITH THE ROBOT CORPS IMMEDIATELY. YOUR ORDERS WILL BE WAITING.

YES, SIR.

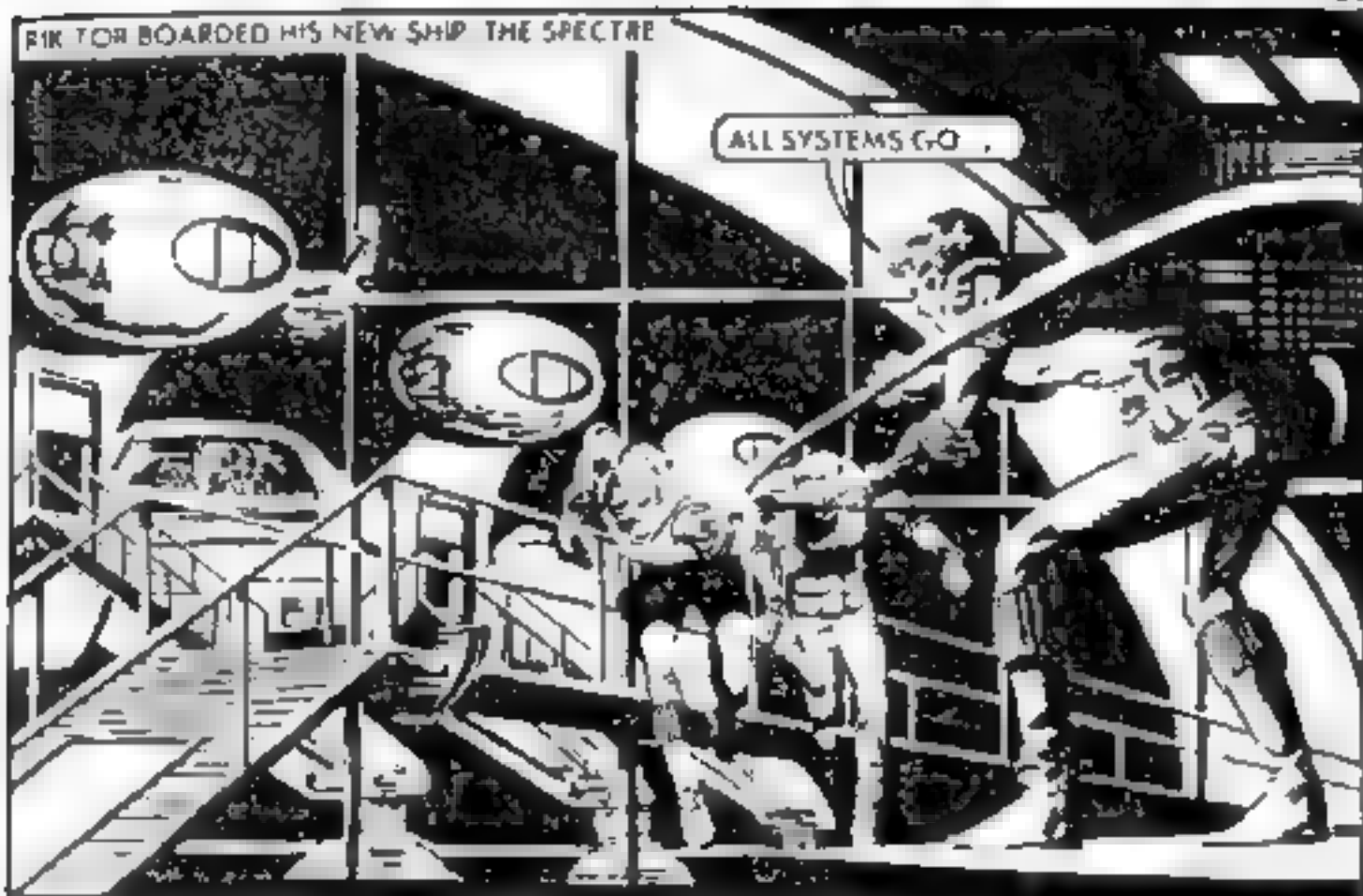
IT TOOK RIK 07 SPATIALS TO REACH ZETA. THE ROBOT CORPS HQ

YOUR NEW TEAM IS WAITING FOR YOU.

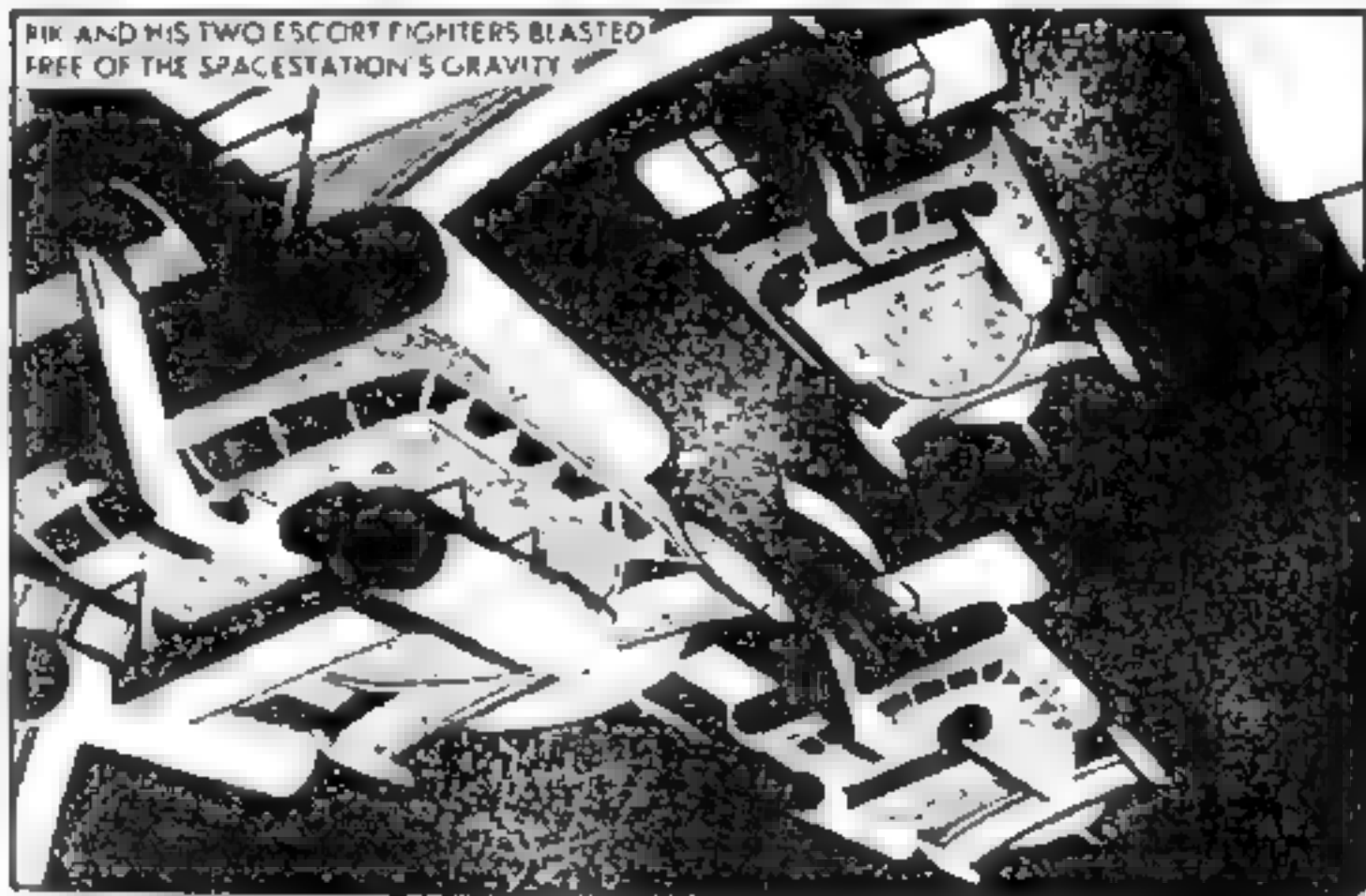


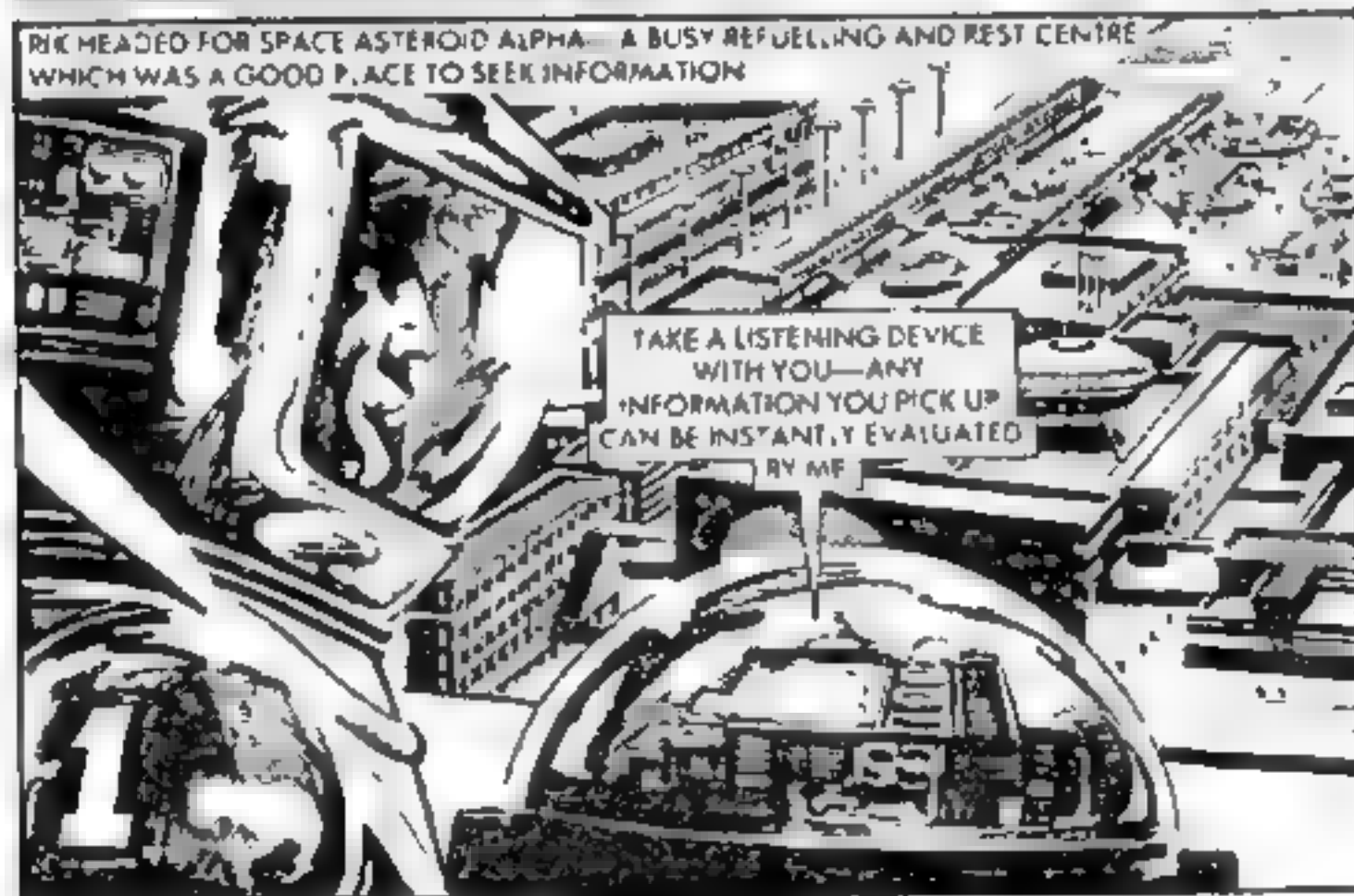


PIK TOR BOARDED HIS NEW SHIP THE SPECTRE



PIK AND HIS TWO ESCORT FIGHTERS BLASTED
FREE OF THE SPACESTATION'S GRAVITY





RIK LANDED AND MADE HIS WAY TO THE REFRESHMENT AREA



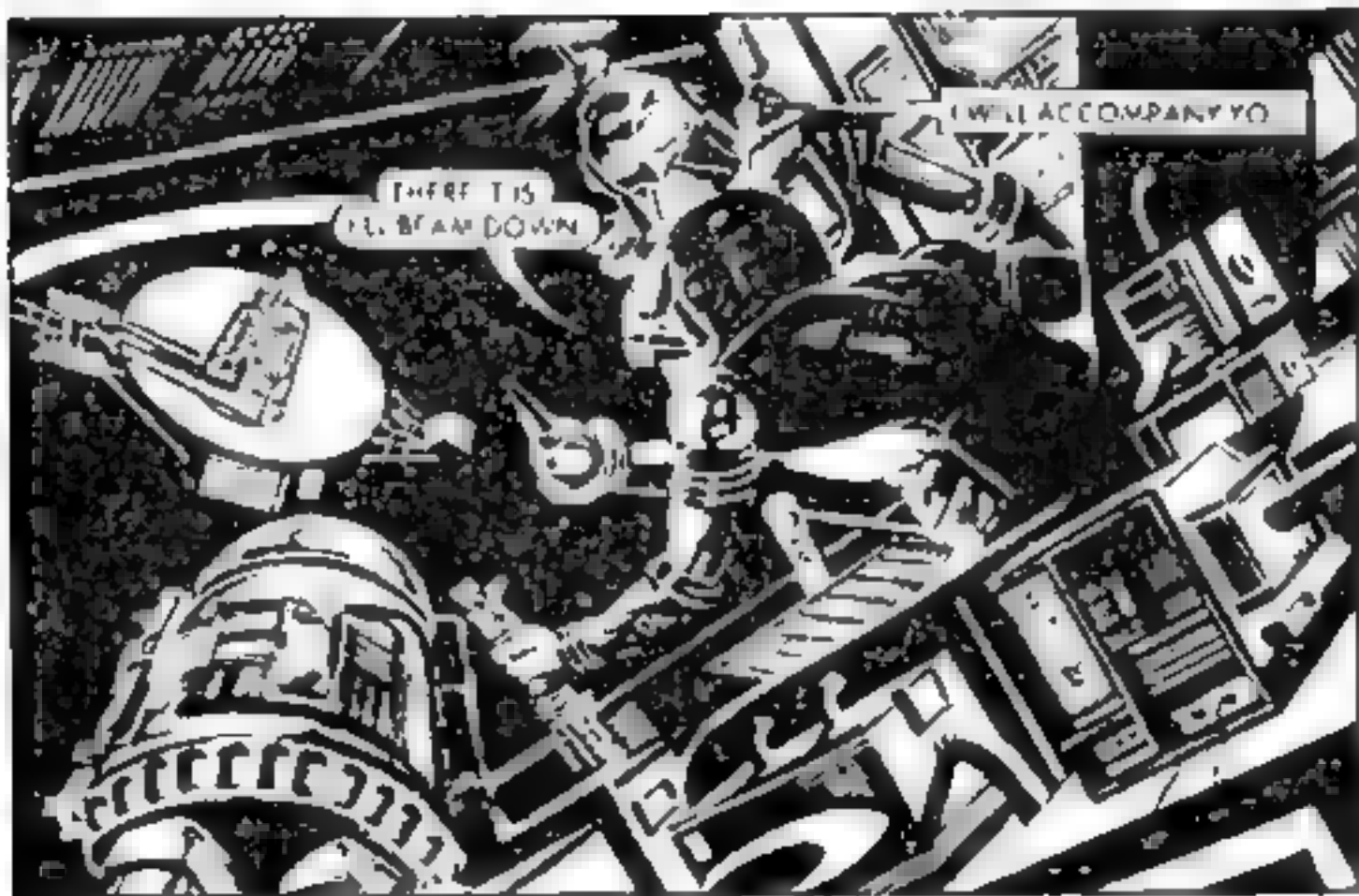
R. A. RETURNED AND TOLD OF THE DISCOVERY OF BETA 47

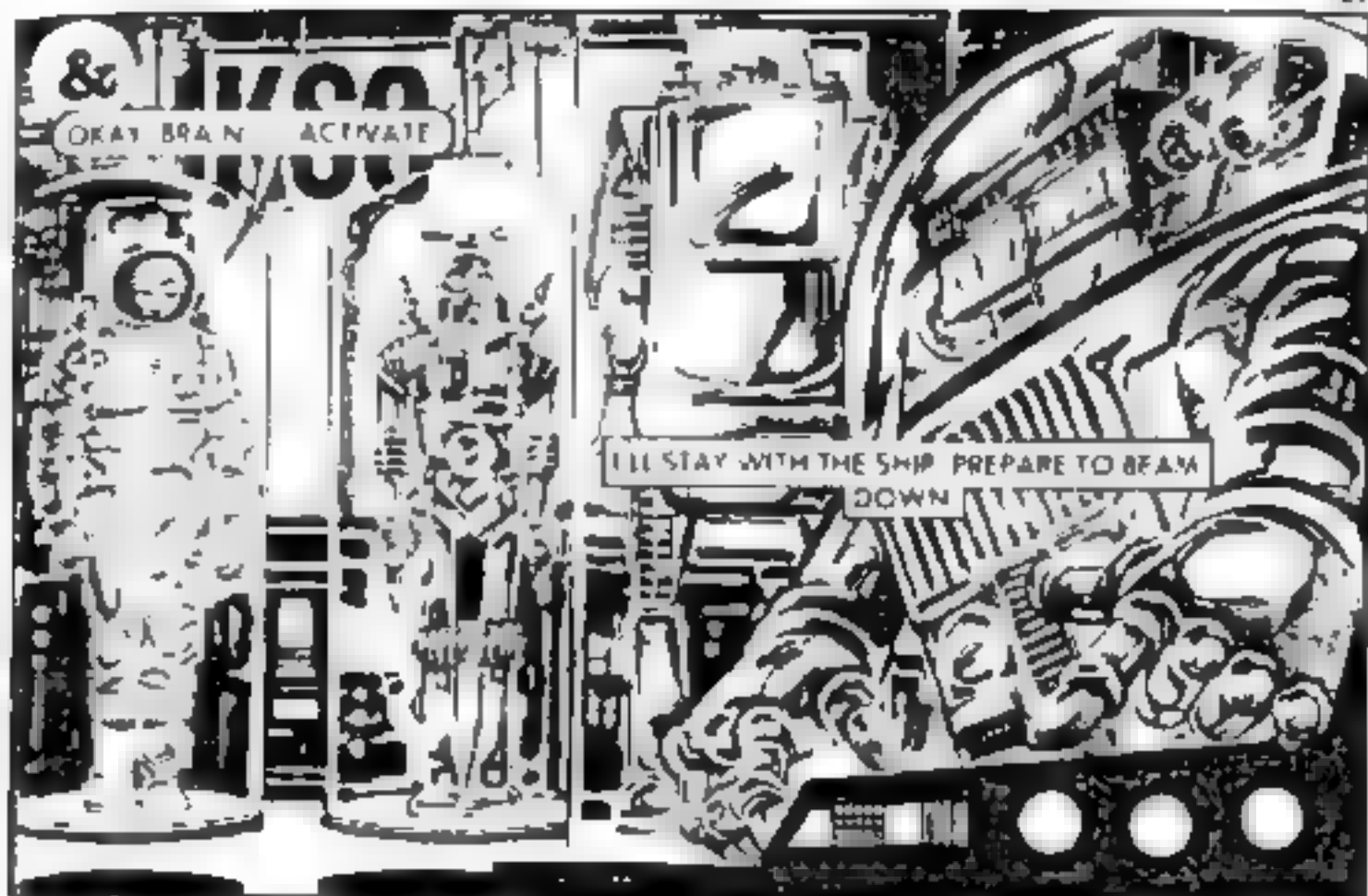
ANALYSIS SHOWS BETA 47
CONTAINS DEFECT WEATHER
STATION

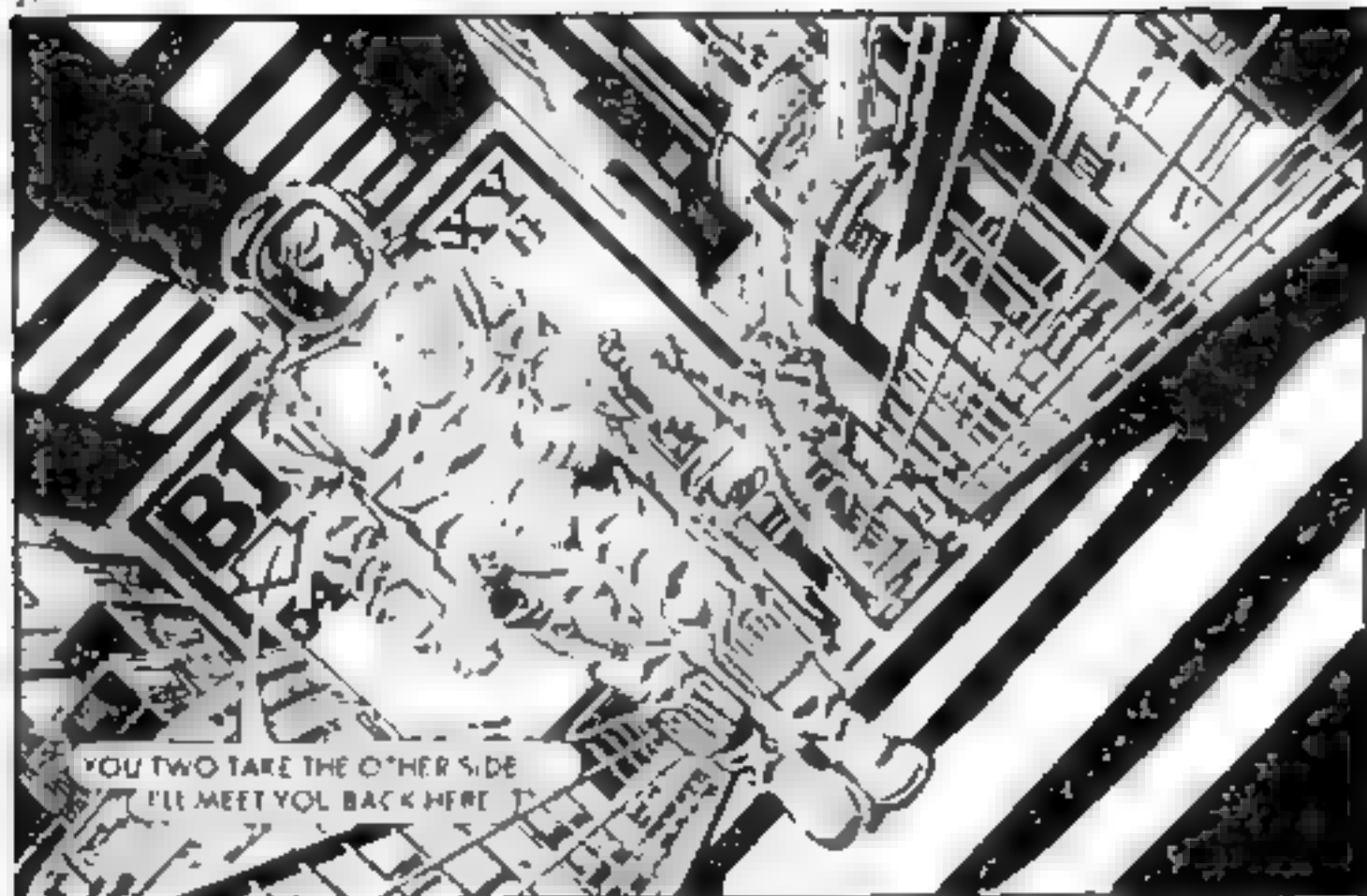
THAT SOUNDS LIKE
THE PLACE TO START

I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU

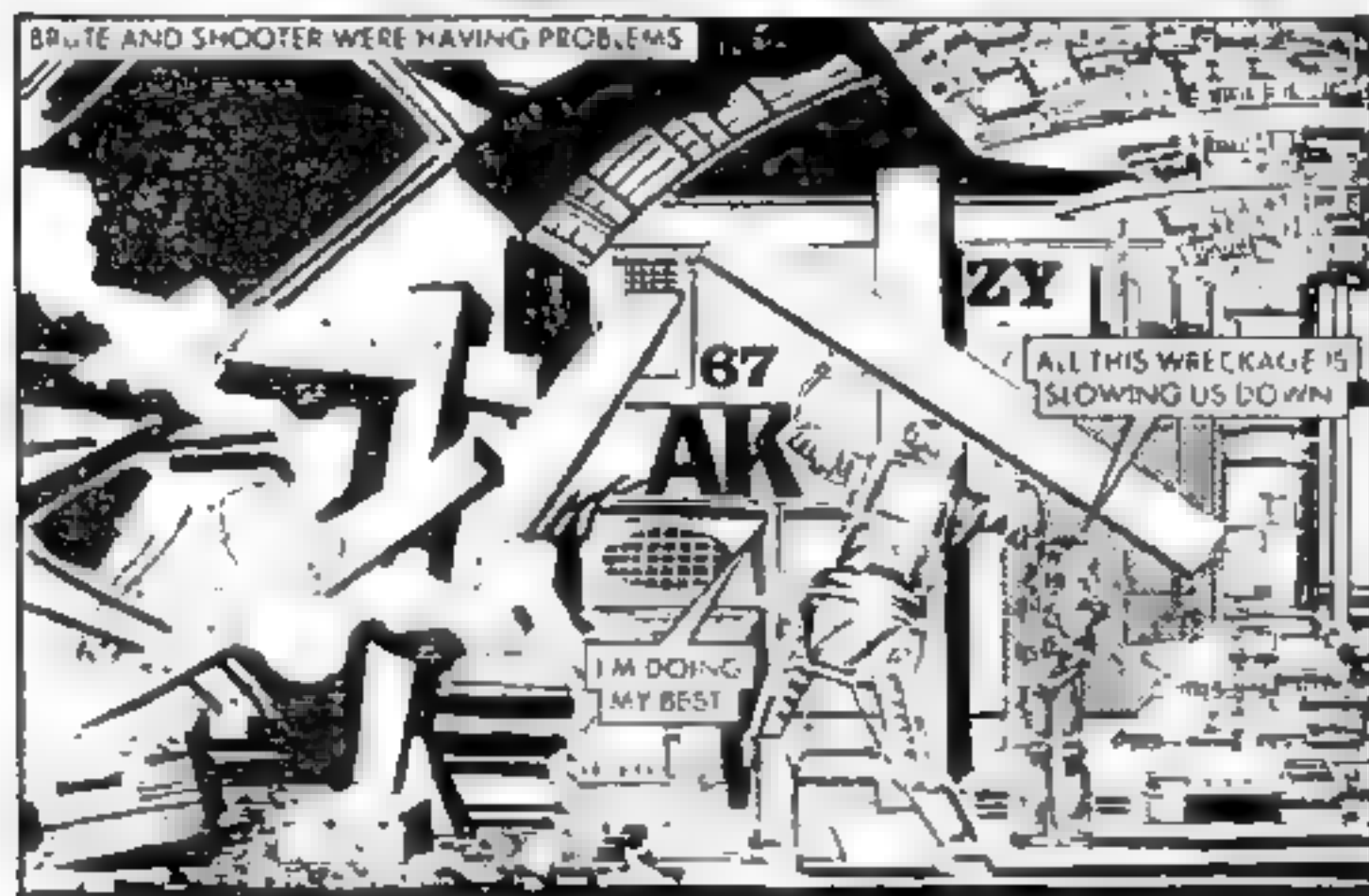
THERE IT IS
I'LL BEAM DOWN

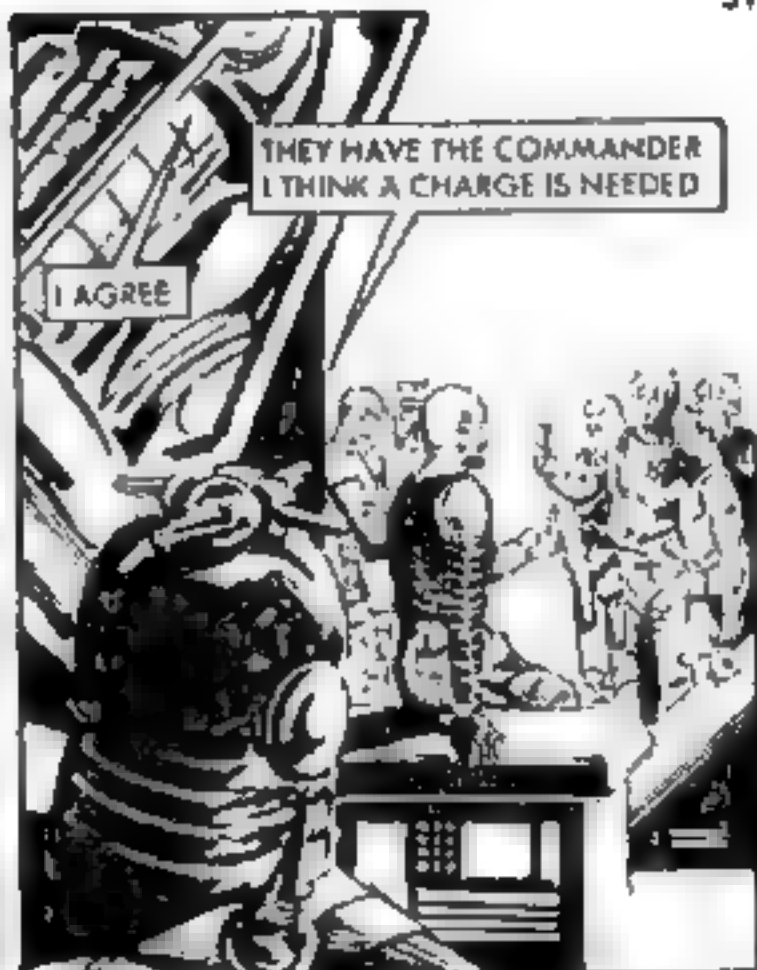














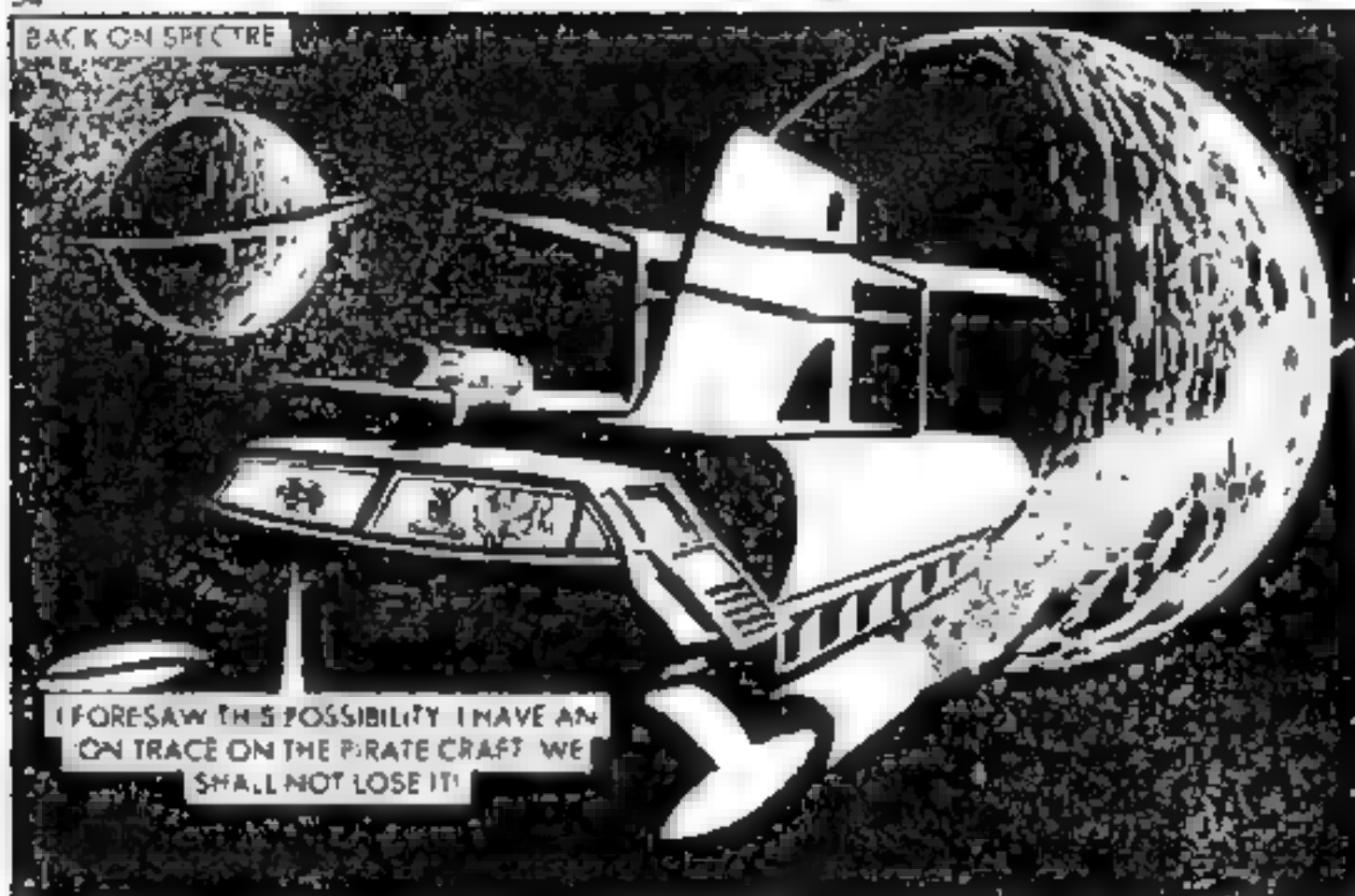
THE COMPARTMENT DEPRESSURISED AND THE TWO ROBOTS FLOATED SLOWLY INTO SPACE

THEY HAVE TAKEN
THE COMMANDER

WE HAVE SUFFERED A TEMPORARY SET-
BACK. ... BRAIN WILL HAVE TO BE
CONSULTED. FOLLOW ME BACK TO THE
SHIP



BACK ON SPECTRE



ON BOARD SKAGA'S VESSEL



TA-EN OUT TO THE REAR OF THE F-NAVES SPACECRAFT

AGYE

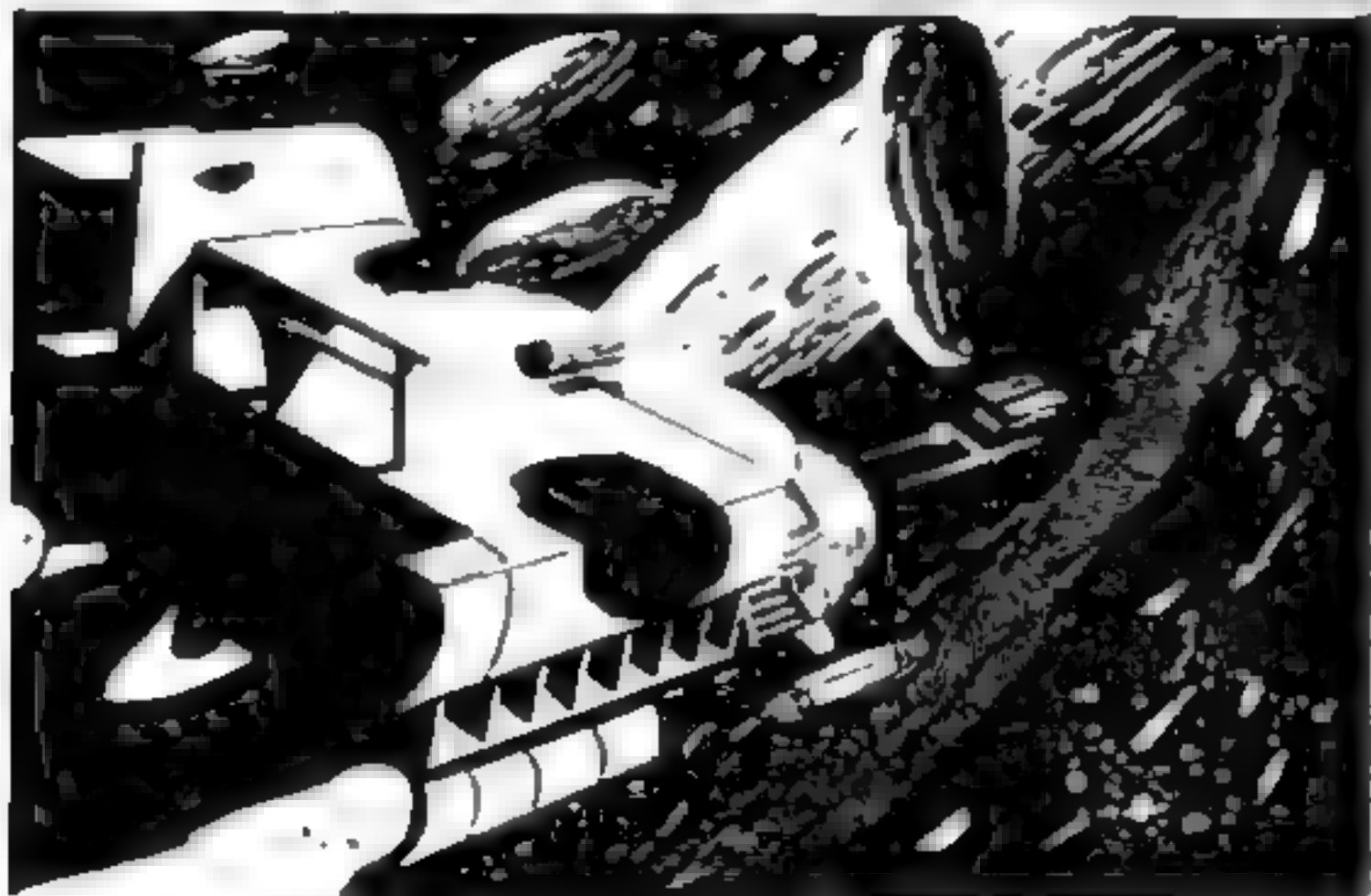
HE'LL MAKE A GOOD SHIELD ONCE
WE'VE SHACKLED HIM HERE

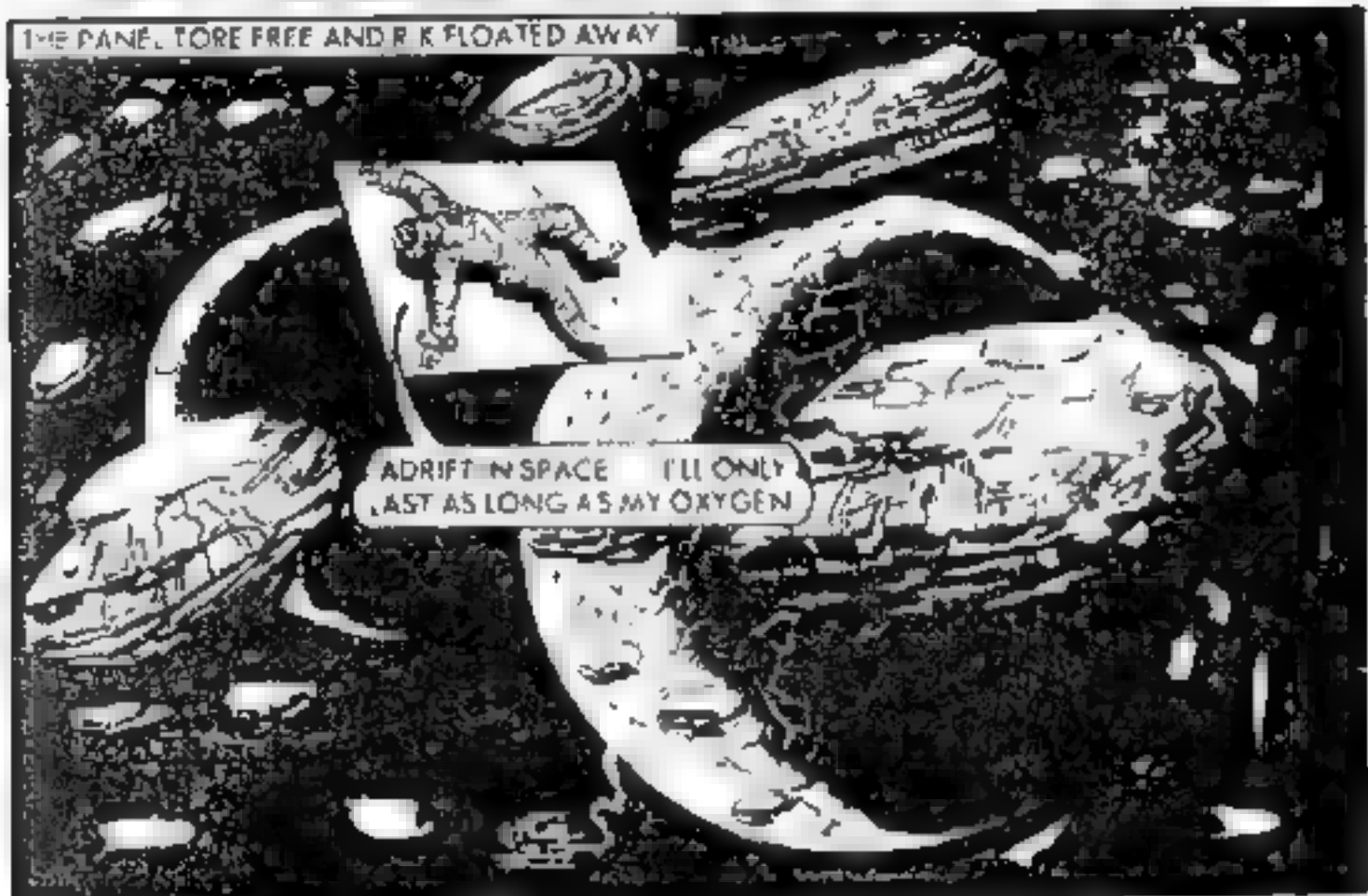
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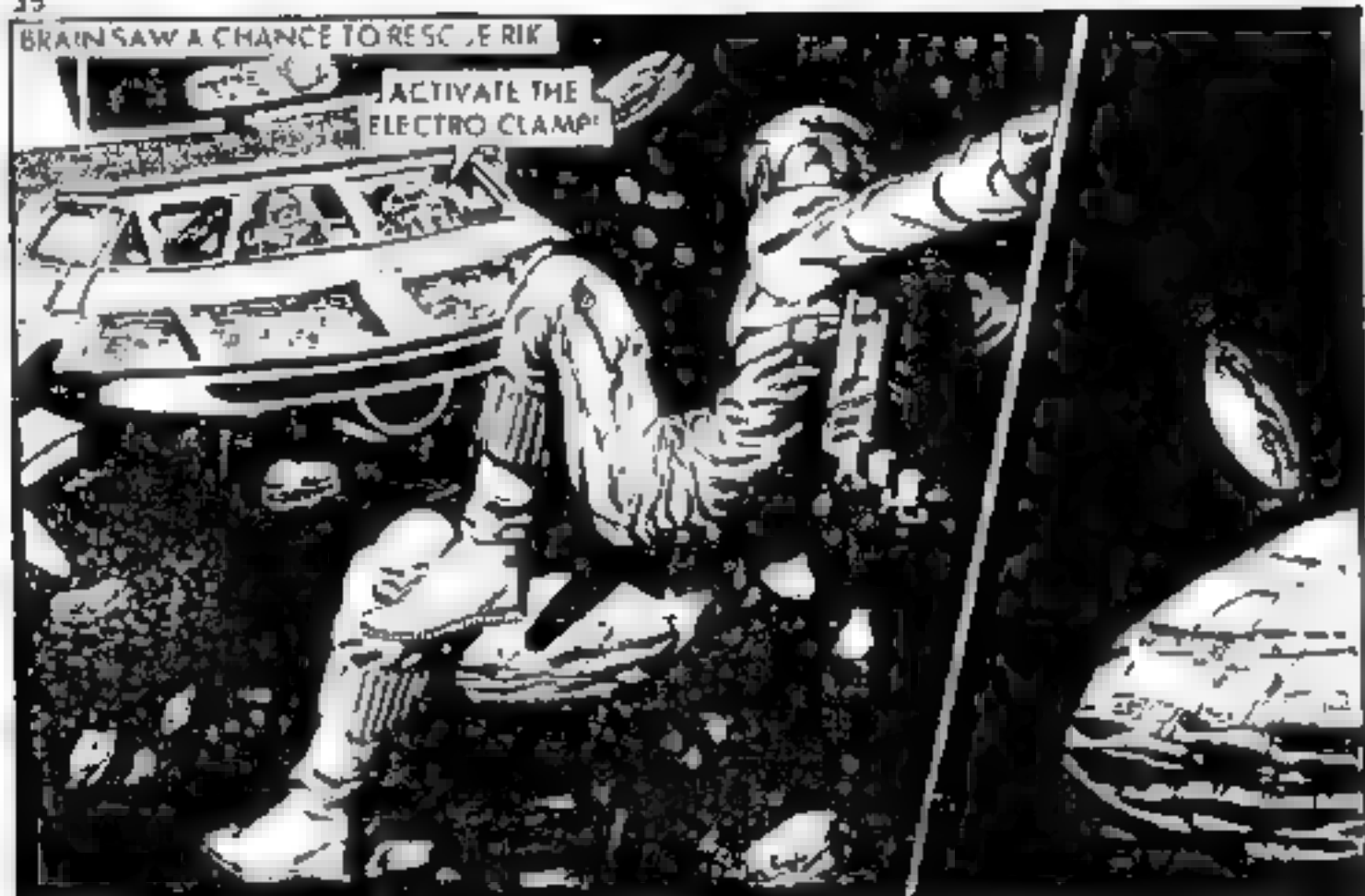
MY MASTER NOTICES
THAT A METEORITE STORM IS
IMMINENT!



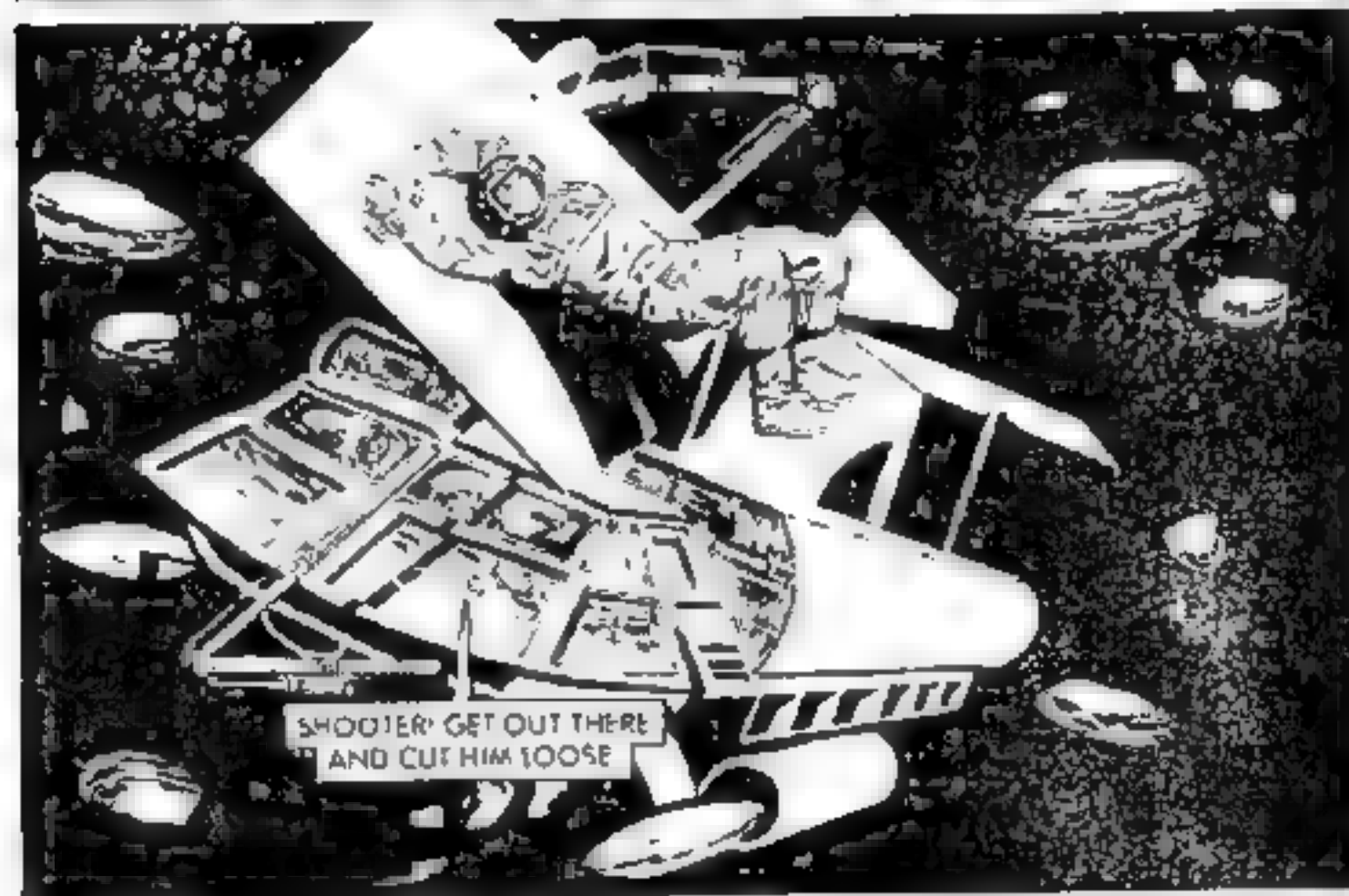


BRAIN SAW A CHANCE TO RESCUE RIK

ACTIVATE THE
ELECTRO CLAMP



SHOOTER! GET OUT THERE
AND CUT HIM LOOSE





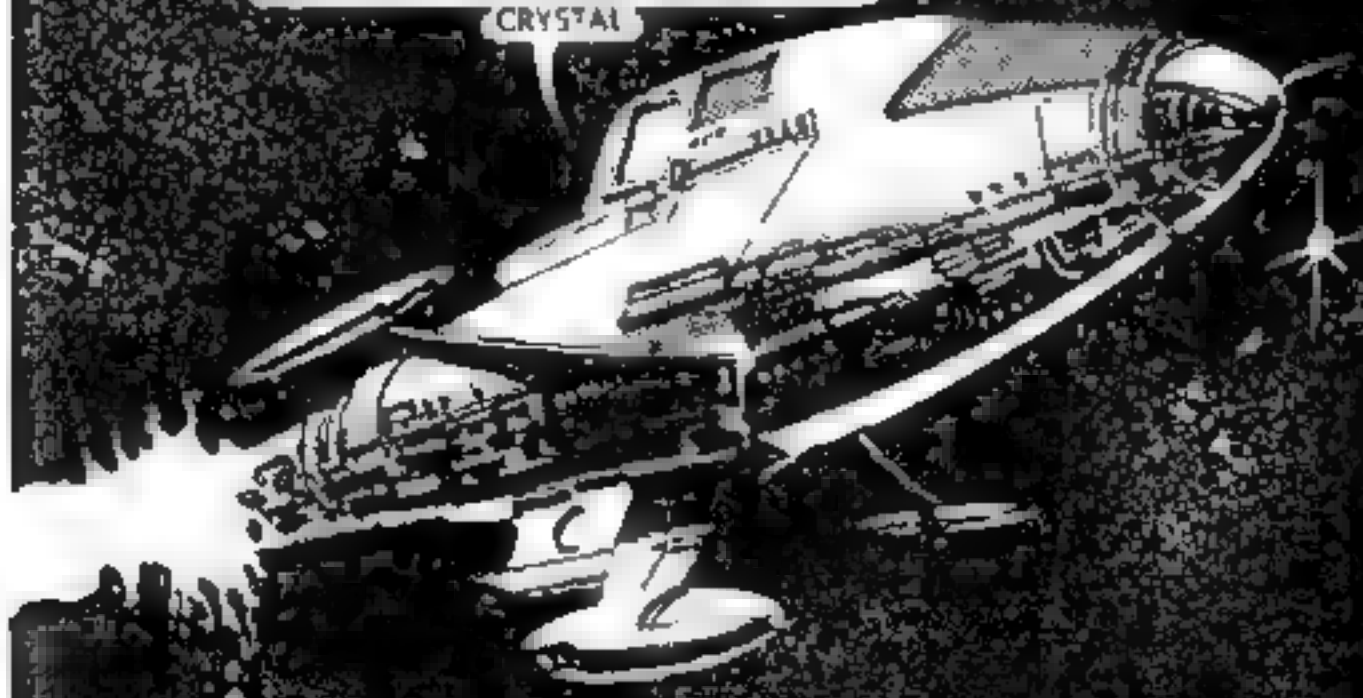
SOON RIK WAS BACK ABOARD THE SPECTRE



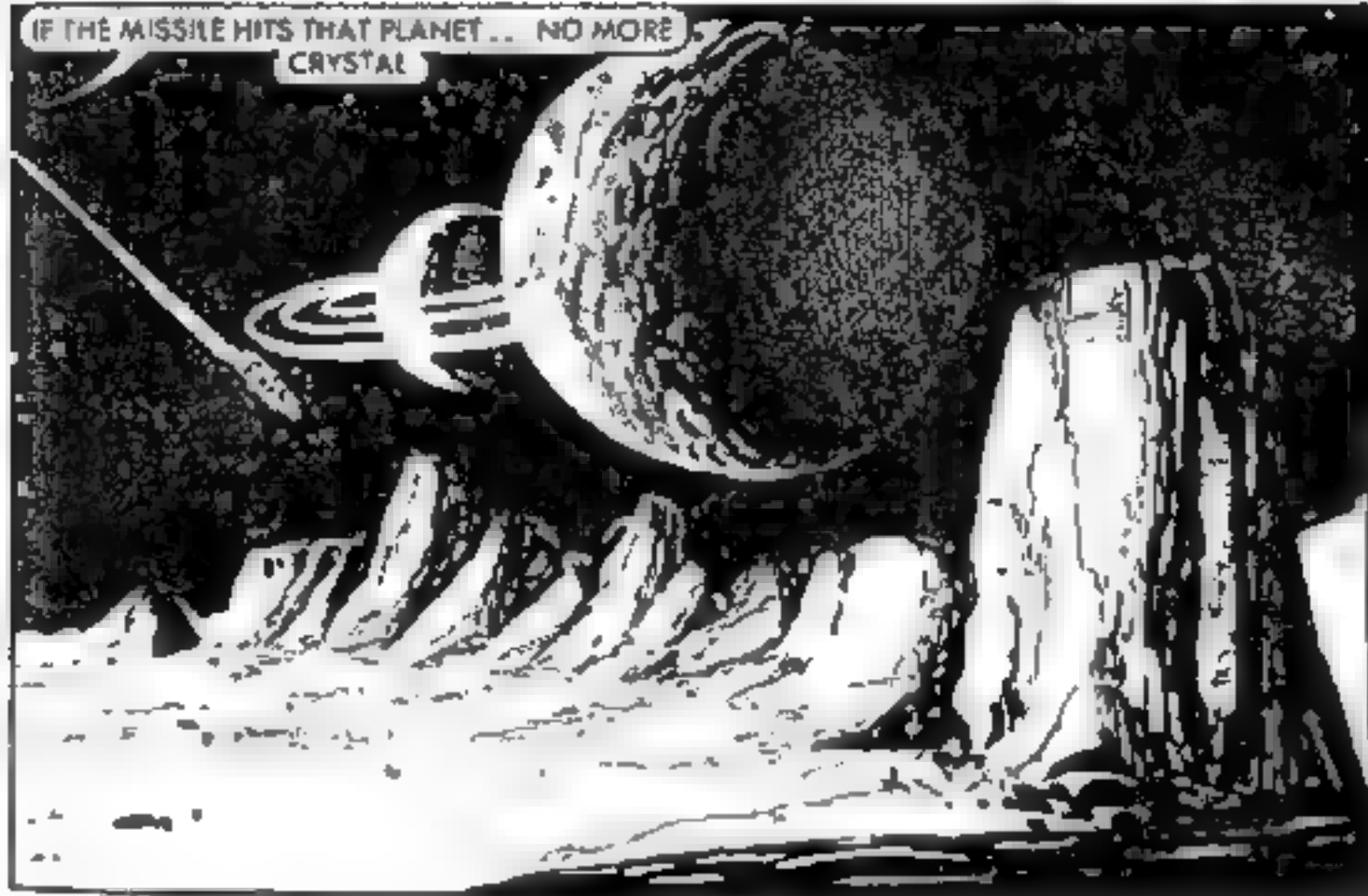


SKAGA HAD RELEASED A REMOTE CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS MISSILE

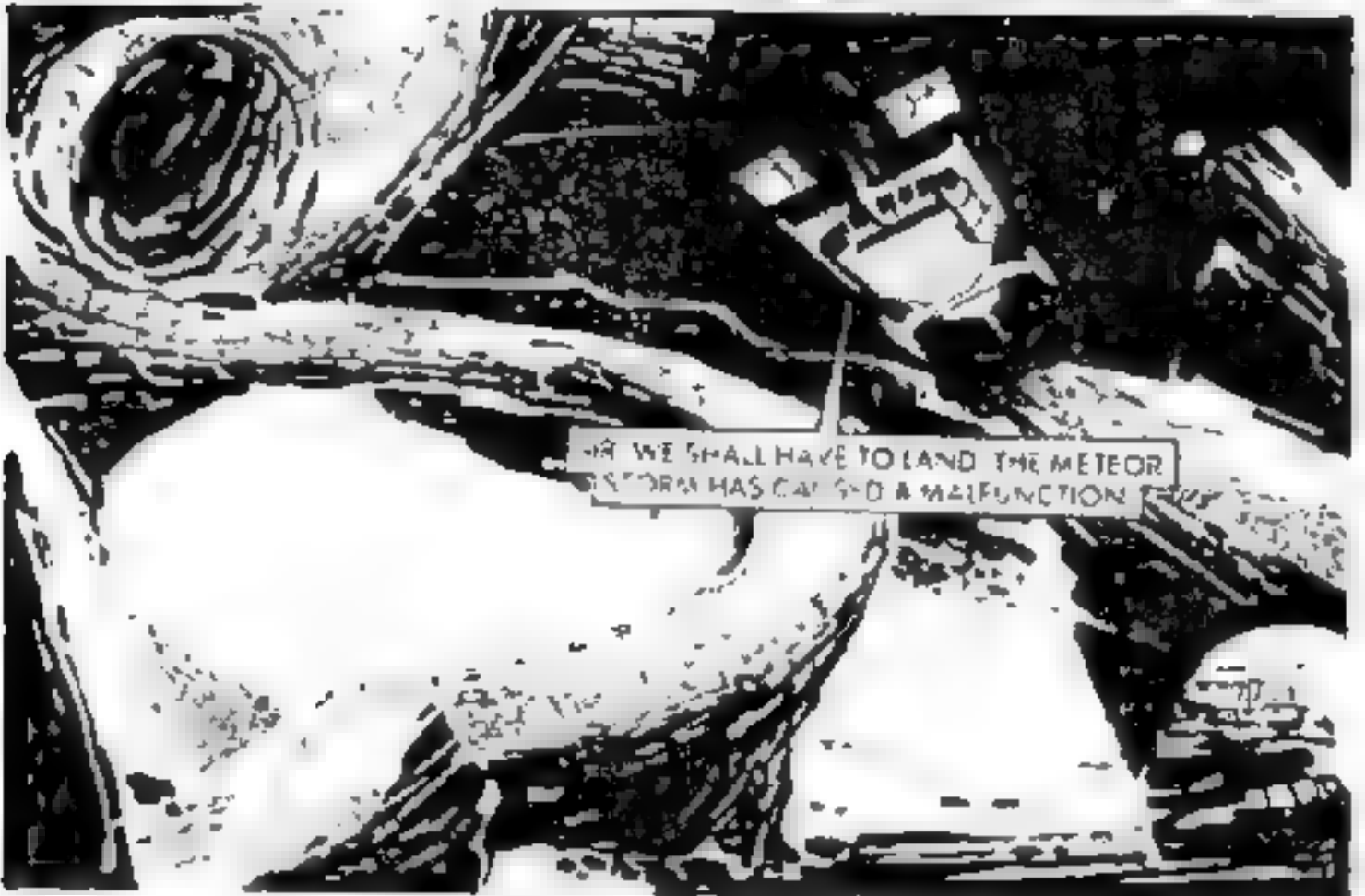
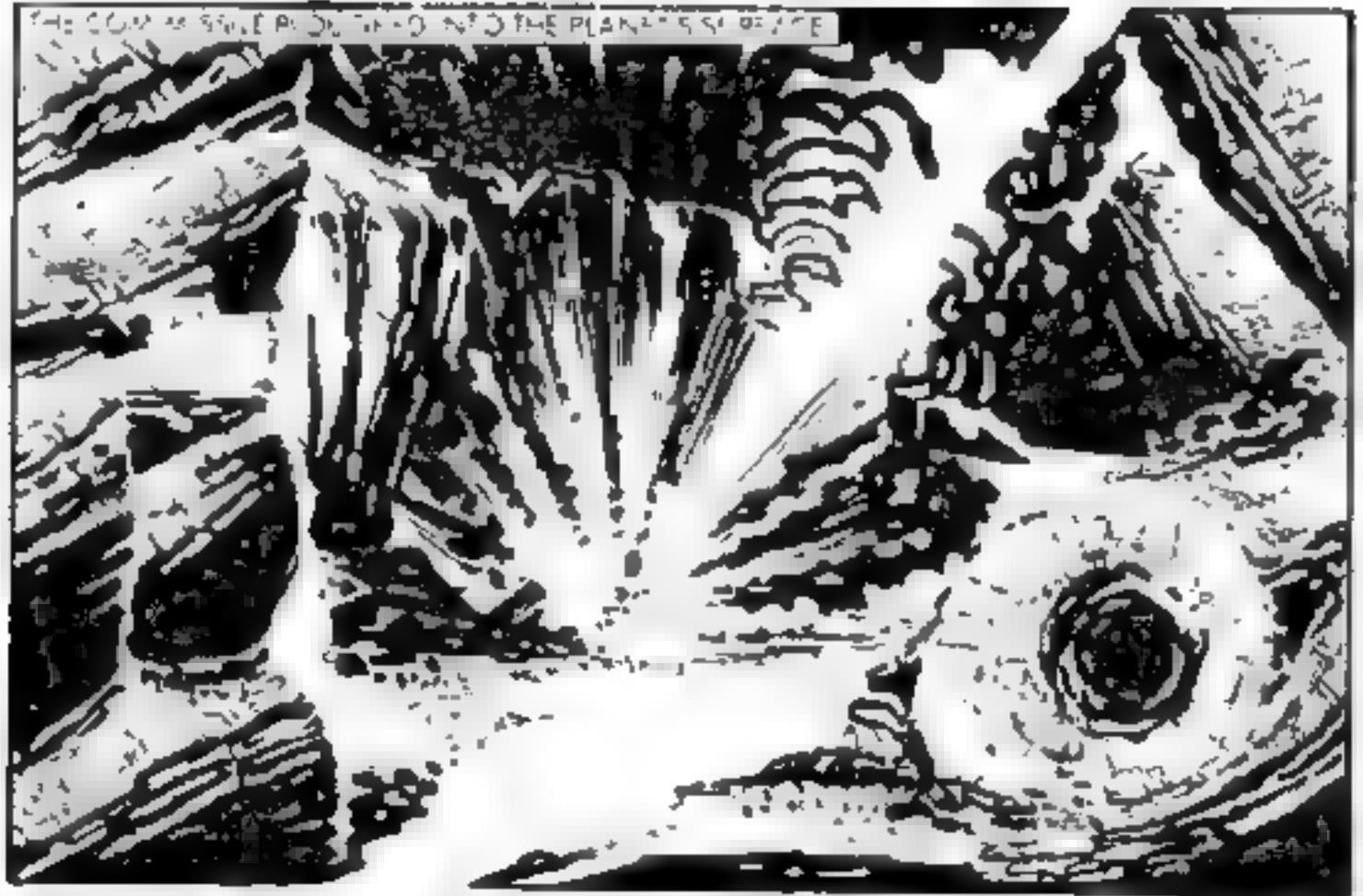
LET HIM GO BRAIN. GET A TRACE ON THE
CRYSTAL



IF THE MISSILE HITS THAT PLANET... NO MORE
CRYSTAL



THE COM-55 UNIT IS DOWN IN THE PLANT'S OFFICE



IF WE SHALL HAVE TO LAND THE METEOR
STORM HAS CAUSED A MALFUNCTION

HE MANAGED TO BRING THE SPECTRE DOWN SAFELY



THAT'S THE MISSILE THERE SO IT
MEANS THAT THE CRYSTAL HAS BEEN
DESTROYED

EPAIN ASSESSED THE DAMAGE

SO THE STRONTIUM DRIVE
CRYSTAL IS CHIPPED WHICH
MEANS WE HAVEN'T GOT THE
POWER TO TAKE OFF





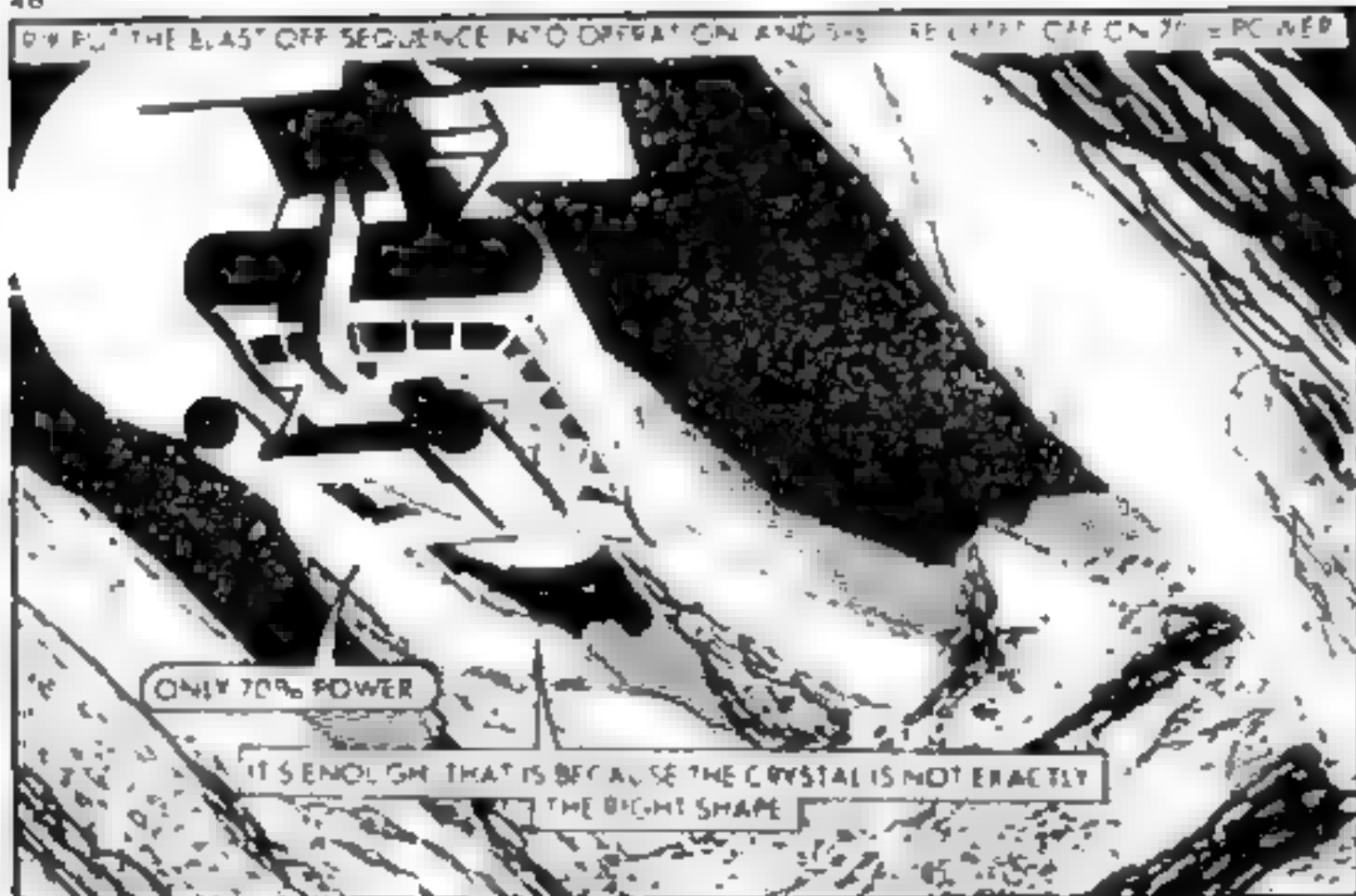


HRA N PRODUCED A BLUEPRINT AND SHOOTER BEGAN TO CUT



THE CRYSTAL WAS SOON CUT AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE





SPECTRE SWOOPED LOW OVER THE ASTEROID

HAVE YOU DONE AN ANALYSIS, BRAIN?

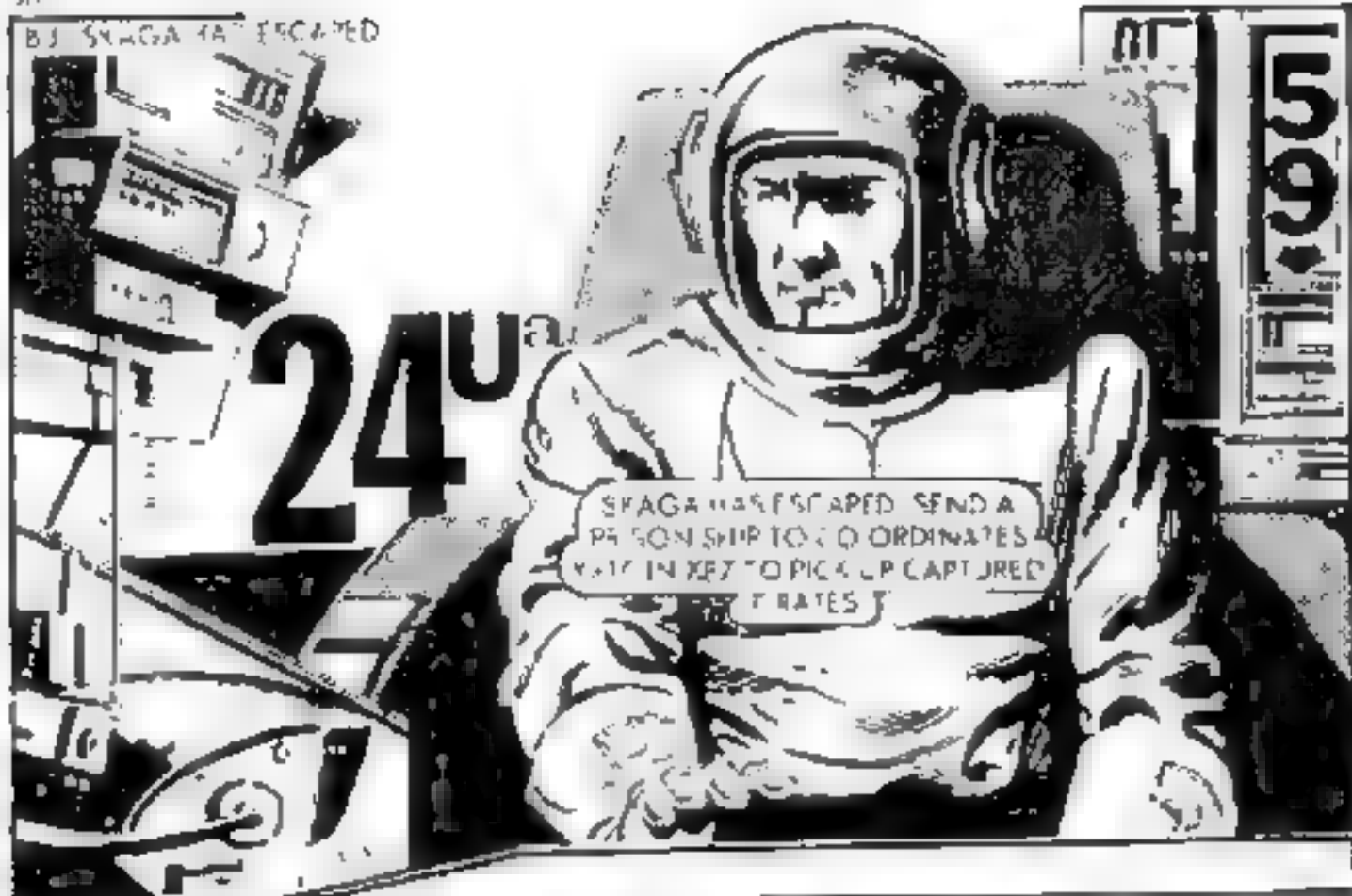
THE ASTEROID IS HOLLOW... THIS DID
NOT OCCUR NATURALLY

THEY LANDED AND SEARCHED FOR AN ENTRANCE

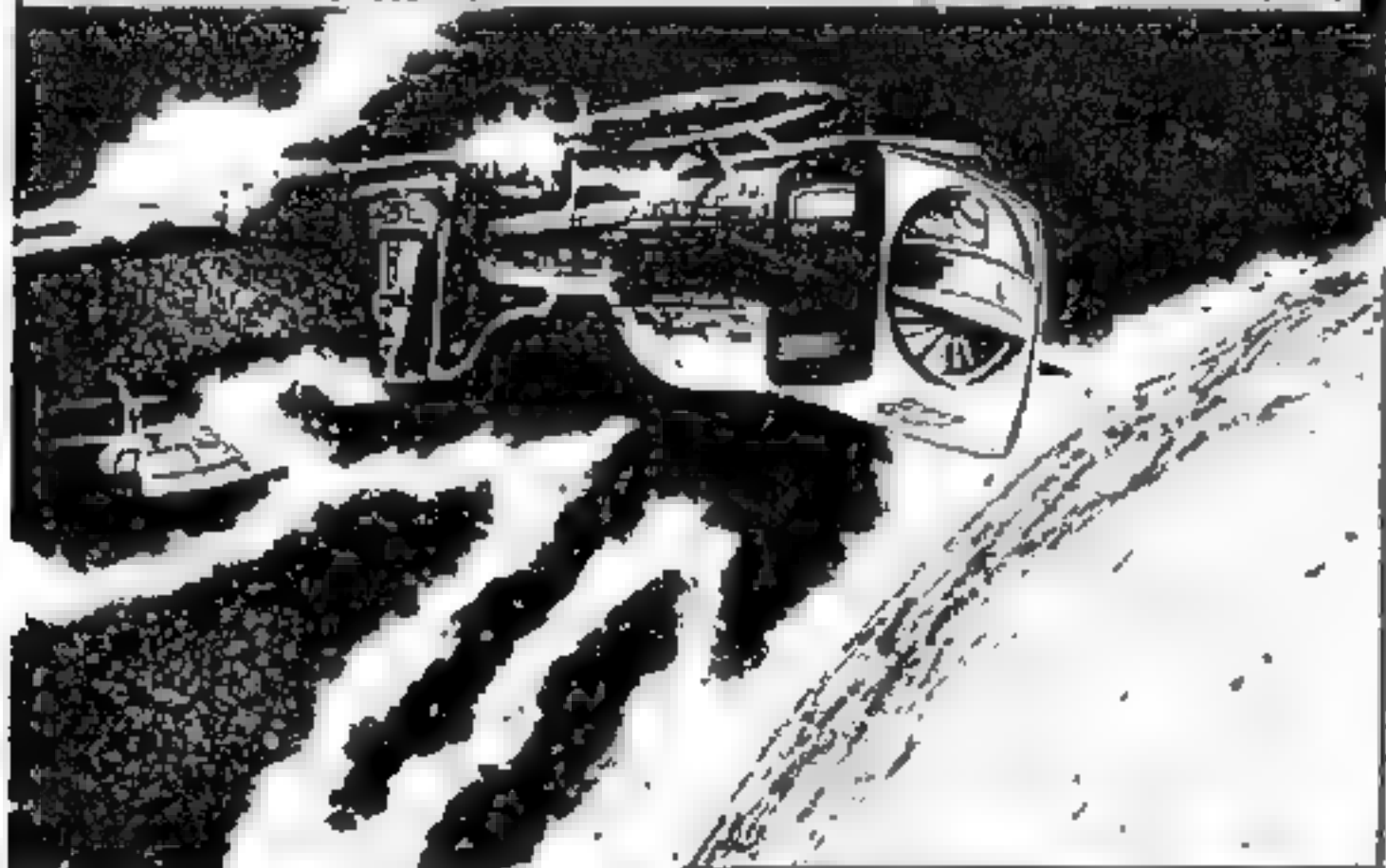
THIS COULD BE
THE PIRATES' BASE





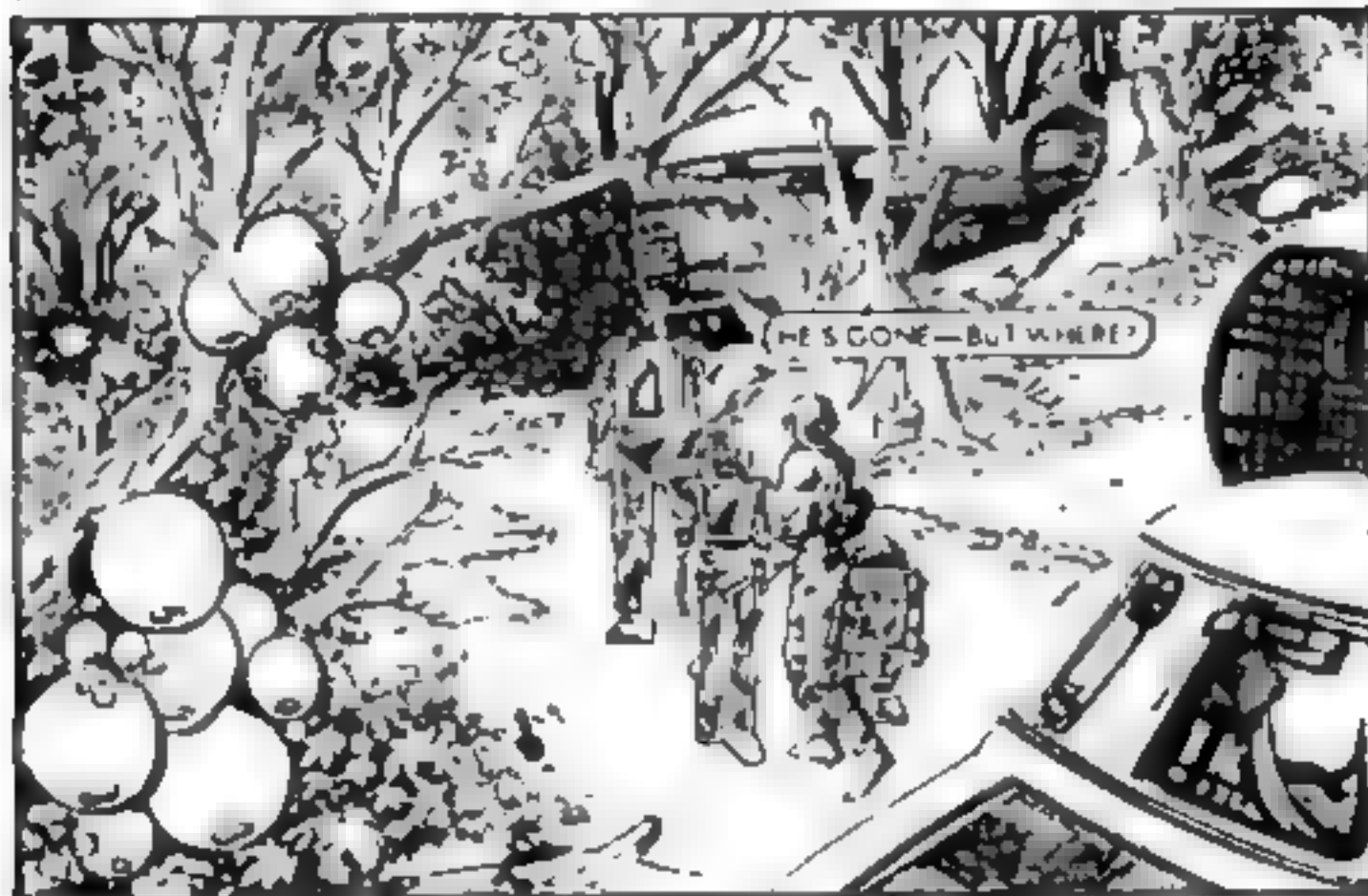


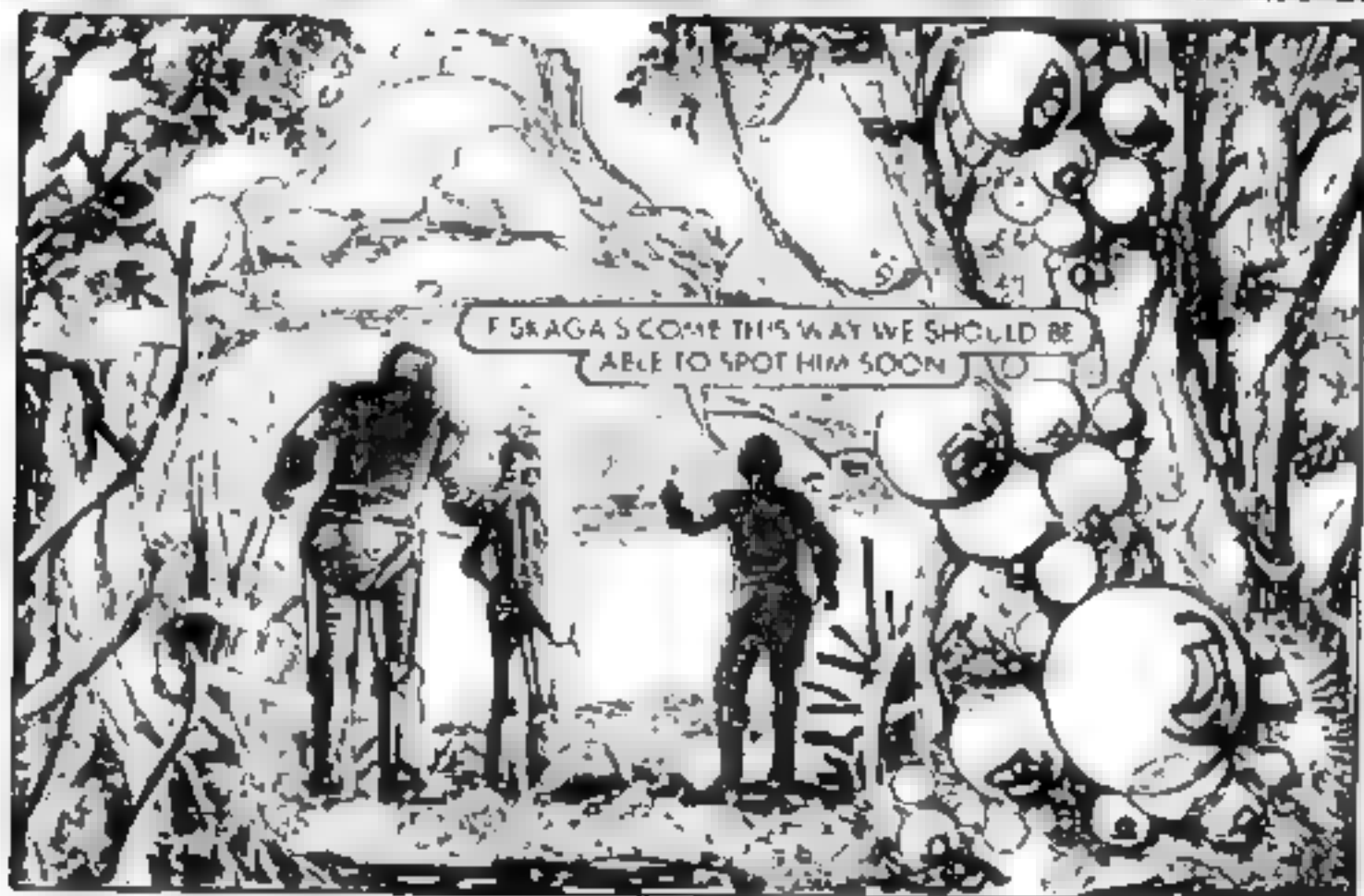
SKAGA'S SHIP HAD NOT BEEN REPAIRED AND WAS CONSIDERABLY SLOWER THAN THE SPECTRE

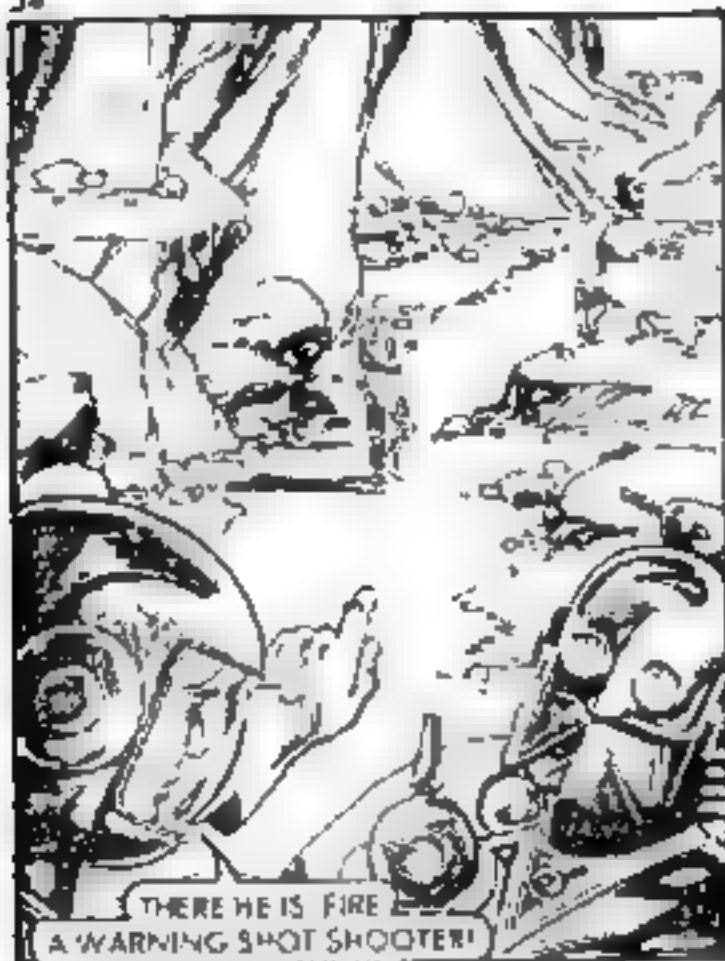


HE'S HEADING FOR VOLINA
HE MUST BE SHORT OF FUEL

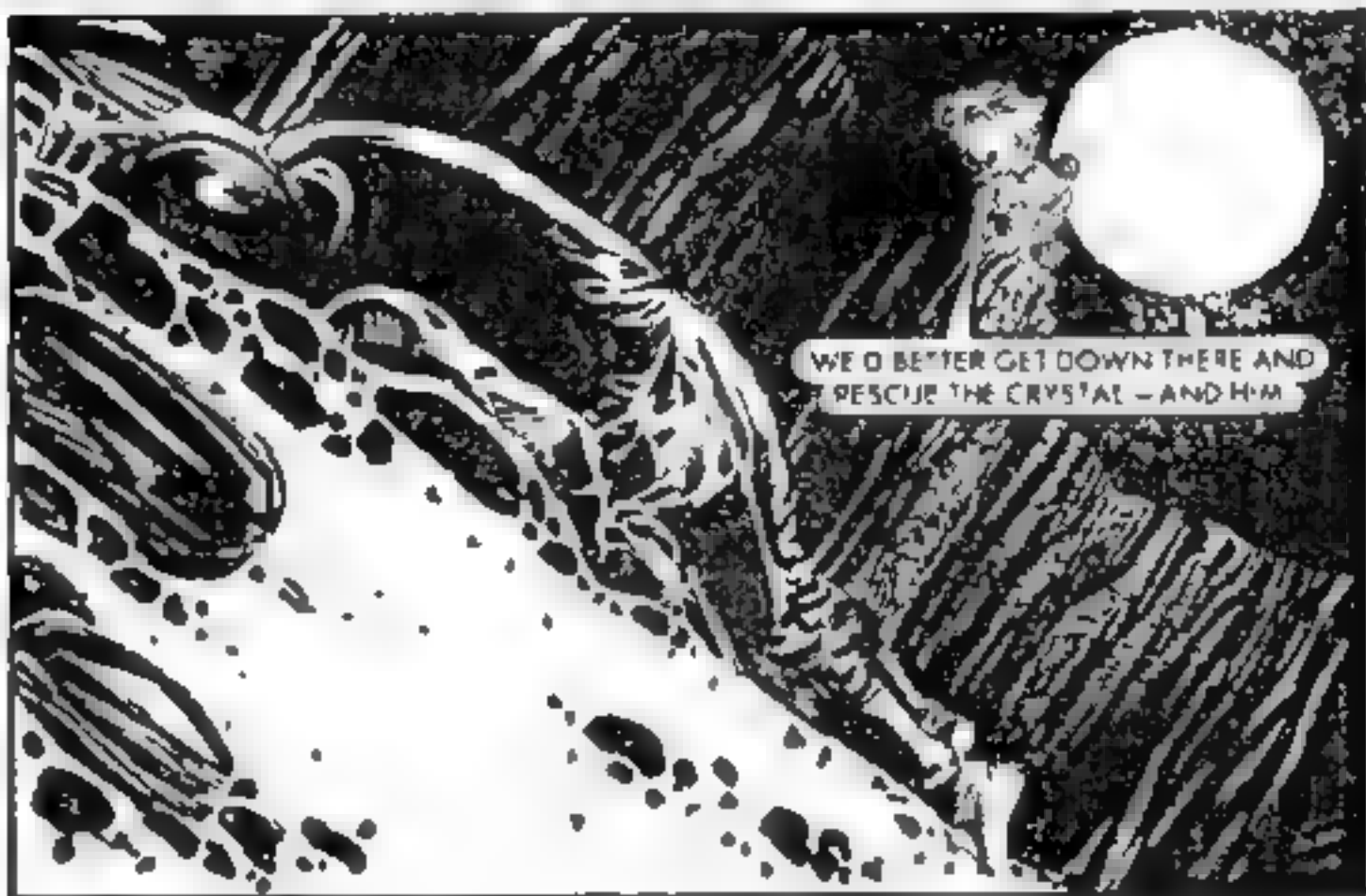
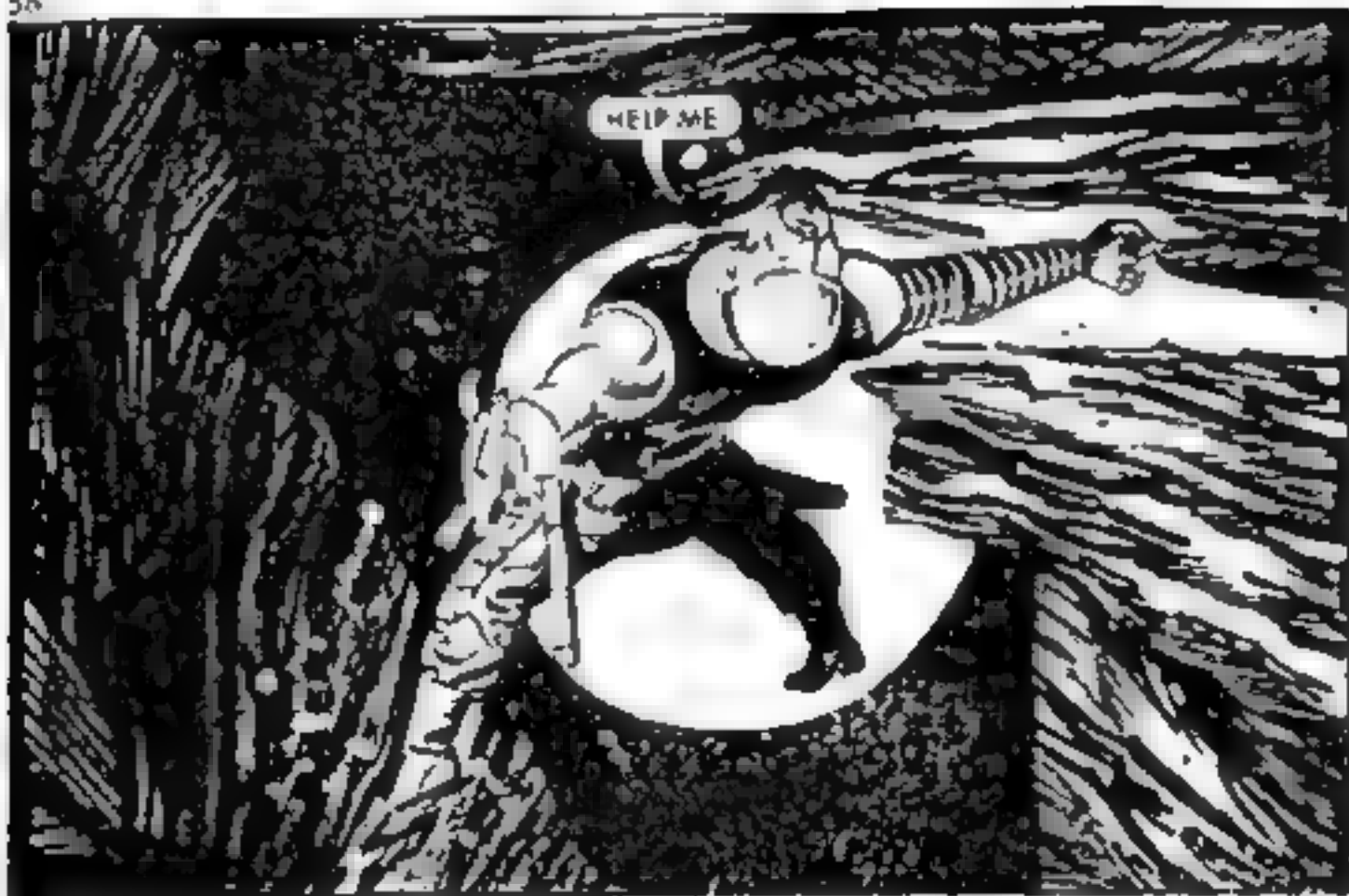
ALTHOUGH YOJNA WAS UNINHABITED TO CONTAIN A FUEL TANK











BRUTE USED HIS STRENGTH TO LOWER RIK DOWN TO SKAGA.





THE THREE APPEARED TO DIE IN AN INSTANT. ONLY BELT MENA'S PHOTO SURVIVED.



CERTAIN DEATH WAS AVERTED BY A CUSHION OF FINE DUST.





BUT THEY WERE NOT ALONE



I THINK THIS
IS A JOB FOR ME









RIK FOUND THE SHIP AN HOUR LATER.

WHEN YOU DISAPPEARED DOWN THAT CHASM I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE TO GO BACK TO BASE WITHOUT YOU.

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

THE SPECTRE BLASTED OFF FROM YOUNA.





BACK ON ZETA, AT SECURITY H.Q.

THE ZILLIUM CRYSTAL IS NOW ON TEEMA IN THE
RIGHT HANDS, YOU DID VERY WELL,
COMMANDER TOR.

WE DID WELL, SIR, WE'RE A TEAM.
WITH THAT TRIO, I RECKON
ANYBODY WOULD DO WELL.

**DON'T MISS THIS MONTH'S
OTHER ACTION-PACKED
ADVENTURE**



**ON SALE
AT YOUR
NEWS-
AGENT'S**

NOW!

STARBLAZERS

IN THE CONQUEST OF SPACE 25



On 27th January 1967, on pad 34 at Cape Kennedy, three astronauts were inside an Apollo capsule atop a Saturn 1 rocket. Suddenly, the inside of the spacecraft caught fire and in the pure oxygen atmosphere soon became an inferno. The three spacemen, preparing to make the first manned Apollo flight, died. They were Gus Grissom, the second American to fly into space in 1961, Ed White, the first American spacewalker, and new man Roger Chaffee.